

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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A "Sense of Pride"

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would write to you to share with you the arrangements for next academic year as they currently stand. We always review what we do at SPJS and have found a couple of things that we changed for Covid, that have really benefited the children and will adopt going forward.

GAMES/PE LESSONS

We have seen the benefit of the additional 5/10mins exercise that children have gained from coming to school dressed in their PE kits. Therefore, we have decided to continue to allow children to wear PE kits on the days that they will have PE/games in September. **However, they will need an additional pair of trainers to be left in school in a drawstring PE bag or carrier bag.** This will enable children to change into clean shoes to wear around school, bring home dirty shoes to be cleaned as well as enabling teachers to be flexible with their timetable in case of inclement weather. Children will find out the days that they will be doing PE on the first day of term in September and write it in their home/school books. Children should come to school on the first day back in full school uniform.

On games days, it is really important that all children wear the correct PE kit which involves **plain navy blue shorts, plain navy blue tracksuit, SPJS PE t-shirt, school navy blue jumper/cardigan and trainers.** (Earrings must be removed for PE)

ENTERING SCHOOL

In the morning children will enter the playground by themselves, as they have been doing this academic year. It has reduced anxiety levels for many children and has kept children safe and secure coming into school as each gate has a member of staff on it. We know that children have enjoyed being greeted at the gate each morning as they have mentioned this in the recent pupil survey.

Children will be able to enter the school playground via one of two ways:

- Side gate into the Infant's playground from Stanley Park playground and enter the individual gate and down the ramp into the Junior playground (Mrs Lamy's current gate).
- Double gate leading to the centenary and main hall along Glebe Path. Children will walk alongside the Green Zone and into the playground. (Mrs Burrridge's current gate)

STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES

We will continue with a slight staggered start and end to each day. The corridors have been much quieter with children being able to get to class quickly and efficiently to start their learning. The times at the start and end of the day are as follows:

	Gates Open	Children start school	Finish
Year 4 and Year 6	8.35am	8.40 am	3.15 pm
Year 3 and Year 5	8.45am	8.50 am	3.25 pm

Headteacher: Amanda J Lamy BA (Hons)

Deputy Headteacher: Julia Burrridge BA (Hons)

If you have siblings at SPJS they may enter the playground at the earlier siblings entrance time but will remain in the playground until their Year group time. **At pick-up however, children must be collected at their allocated year group time.**

BUBBLES

The Government has currently removed the need for children to work in bubbles in September therefore children will have lunchtimes and playtimes together as a whole school. Teachers will be able to organise classrooms into their chosen configuration rather than having to be in rows. In addition to this, we are aiming to resume whole school assemblies and singing in the classrooms. Please be assured that all classrooms will be well ventilated.

HYGIENE

Children will continue to regularly clean their hands throughout the day with alcohol gel or water and hand soap. If your child has sensitive skin, you are still able to send in your own soap to the classroom for your child to use.

MEDICATION

It is really important that all medication such as inhalers are brought to the school office on the first day of term in their prescribed boxes.

STAFFING

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a few members of staff. Firstly, Miss Kelly - she joined us in September but we knew that she would only be with us for one year as she had hoped to go exploring the world. We wish Miss Kelly the best of luck as she starts her journey with a trip to Mexico. Miss Condron, who has been teaching 5J whilst Mrs Dixon has been unwell, will be jetting off to Australia. Mrs Dixon is doing well and is aiming to be back in school in September. Miss Sawyer, a teaching assistant in 5P, will be returning to her usual job of working in theatre. Thank you to all of them for their hard work this year.

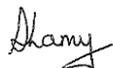
As you already know, Mrs Curtis is retiring after 19 years at SPJS and will be spending lots of time relaxing and visiting family abroad. We want to thank her for her commitment to all our children and families. We will certainly miss her. Mrs Brown will be taking on the role of HLTA with inclusion in September.

We are pleased to welcome to our SPJS staff Miss Sally Fox who is an experienced teacher from Merton and will be joining us as Year 5 Leader. She has already met her class this week and has held transition meetings with members of staff. We are thrilled that Mrs Gray will be returning from her maternity leave and will be working in Year 4.

TERM DATES

All our term dates for next academic year are on the newsletter and website. Please note that there is an additional day off school to the original circulated dates due to the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The government has laid [regulations](#) to reduce the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021 to 2022. As such, the total school year will be 194 days. **Therefore, school will now be closed on Friday 27th May.**

Please note that all the above arrangements are subject to change, depending on guidance that we may receive from the Department for Education throughout the summer break. If this happens, we will send you further updates. Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September!



Mrs Lamy
Headteacher