



South Borough
PRIMARY SCHOOL

New Year R 2021 Information Booklet

This booklet contains up to date information about arrangements for September 2021 and should be read in conjunction with the booklet issued for the rest of the school.



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Information for Parents and Carers

Year R - Green and Red Classes - September 2021



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A message to parents and carers

Dear Parents/Carers of children joining us in Year R,

We would like to begin by extending a warm welcome to all of the new families joining us in September. At South Borough, our vision is to provide excellence, enjoyment and inspiration in all areas of learning. We aim to develop a close relationship between home and school, and to work together with you in furthering your child's education.

Our school website has a dedicated area (New Year R Transition 2021), which includes documents and links that contain information about starting with us in September. Please take particular note of Section B on this page, as this section contains a number of forms that we would ask parents to complete and return as soon as possible. This includes a Google Form which provides us with information about your child's nursery, so that we can begin to gather relevant information from nursery settings about your child.

In this document you will find a range of information, which we hope provides some clarity around arrangements for September. Children will start school on a phased timetable, which will slowly increase during the first four weeks of term. Our hope is that easing the children into school life by slowly increasing their time will help to alleviate any anxieties and give them time to get to know the systems and processes. Thank you for your support with these transition arrangements.

You will also find details of where and when to drop off and collect your child together with details of the Early Years teaching team for September.

We simply cannot wait to welcome your children into school and get to know you all as families in September. If you have any queries between now and then, please email the school office on sbps_office@swale.at

Kind regards

Mrs J Olivier
Executive Headteacher

Mr M Currie
Head of School

Dates for September 2021

We look forward to welcoming all of our new Year R children to school in September. Children will experience a staggered start to school here at South Borough, beginning with stay and play sessions and gradually increasing their time as the weeks progress. This will be split over four weeks, which are outlined below. EYFS children will always enter and exit via Gate 1.

Week 1 - Video Calls Home & Stay and Play Sessions

Dates:	Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th September (Video Calls Home)
Timings:	9:00-3:00
Dates:	Thursday 9th & Friday 10th September (Stay and Play Sessions)
Timings:	9:30-11:30 (Green Class)
	1:15-3:15 (Red Class)

Week 2 - Mornings

Dates:	Mon 13th, Tues 14th, Wed 15th, Thurs 16th, Fri 17th September
Timings:	08.40-11.40
Drop off/pick up:	Drop off and pick up from Gate 1.

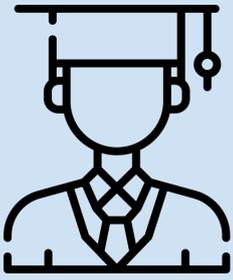
Week 3 - Mornings & Lunch

Dates:	Mon 20th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th September
Timings:	08.40-12.45
Drop off/pick up:	Drop off and pick up from Gate 1.

Week 4 - Full time (for those who are ready)

Dates:	Mon 27th, Tues 28th, Wed 29th, Thurs 30th September, Fri 1st October
Timings:	08.40-3.00
Drop off/pick up:	Drop off and pick up from Gate 1.

School Uniform



When your child starts with us in September, they will need to wear full school uniform in line with our school uniform policy which can be found on our website. Parents who already have children attending the school can use their ParentPay account to order uniform items with the school logo on. Parents who are new to the school can order uniform via the South Borough Website.

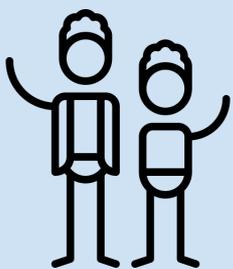
Once you have ordered your uniform you will need to contact the office to arrange a time for collection. Parents will be able to collect uniform from the 1st, 2nd & 3rd September.

Lunch Arrangements

Children in Year R will begin to stay for lunch **from Monday 20th September onwards**. During this week, we will take the time needed to guide the children through the processes of lunch times. Children in Year R will be part of the EYFS bubble and will eat their lunch in the hall with other children from this bubble. Children can either bring in a packed lunch or you can order them a cold packed lunch using your ParentPay account. All children in Year R are eligible for a free lunch.



Dropping children off in the morning



From **Monday 6th September onwards**, parents are asked to drop their child off at gate 1. Parents are not permitted to enter the wooden fenced area or the classroom. We understand that some children may find the separation from mum or dad tricky, especially at the beginning of their school life. We want to reassure you that staff will be on hand and will come to you at the gate to provide the necessary support for your child.

Contacting the teacher

Mrs Hunt and Mr Blanco will maintain regular contact by phone with parents/ carers about how children are settling in. Adults **will not be available to speak to you** at drop off and pick up unless they initiate the conversation with you. Teachers must commit their time to ensuring that all children safely enter or leave their care. Parents/carers can contact teachers through a phone call or email to the office if they have queries about the day.



Where do I drop my child/pick them up?



Gate 1



Gate 3



Gate 2



Gate 4





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Social story for children

This section tells the children about all the different things that will happen at school.

Please take some time to go through this with your child and revisit as often as possible over the summer break.

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Your Things

You will have your own coat peg with your name on it. You can hang your coat here. There will be a place in the classroom for you to put your book bag and contact/reading record book in.



You should bring your school water bottle in, cleaned and refilled with water every day.



Letters for home will go in your book bag together with your reading record book.



You are special

We love to celebrate good learning, you will receive praise comments from your teachers and friends and stickers too!

South (S)

Self-reflection Salim



Borough (B)

Betsy bravery



Primary (P)

Pete perseverance



School (S)

Sally support



Rainbow Rules

We have Rainbow Rules, which will help you to make good choices. You will spend a lot of time learning about these when you start school. Before you start school, it is a good idea to read through these with your adults at home.



Snack

During the day you can have a snack at any time. You will find these at the snack table.

This is usually a piece of fruit or a vegetable.

School will give you a water bottle which you can take home every day to be cleaned.

You can have a drink of water whenever you like and fill your bottle up during the day when you need to.



Lunch

When you stay at school for lunch, you will eat it in the hall.

You will be able to sit with your friends.

An adult you know well will stay in your room while you eat. You will need to listen carefully to instructions when you have to tidy up.

You will need to bring in a packed lunch or order one from school everyday.



Reading

We hope you enjoy sharing books with your friends and families.

At school your teacher will read you a story every day. The reading area in our classroom is a special place to sit while you are looking at and reading books.

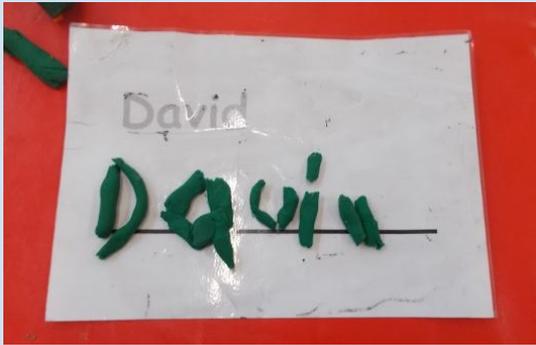
You will be able to find books about things you like. There are books about everything- dinosaurs, pirates and trains, fairy tales, animals and lots more!



Writing

Writing is fun! At school you will learn how to form letters correctly and later how to write sentences.

We write while we play all the time; in all of our learning areas. We write at every opportunity!



You will be able to do lots of other activities at school to help with your writing. These include drawing patterns, colouring, making models with play dough, cutting and drawing.



Maths

At school we do lots of mathematical activities. You will do lots of exciting things, such as counting forwards and backwards! Looking at shapes around us.

Can you see any shapes around you now?



This is what your learning area will look like.

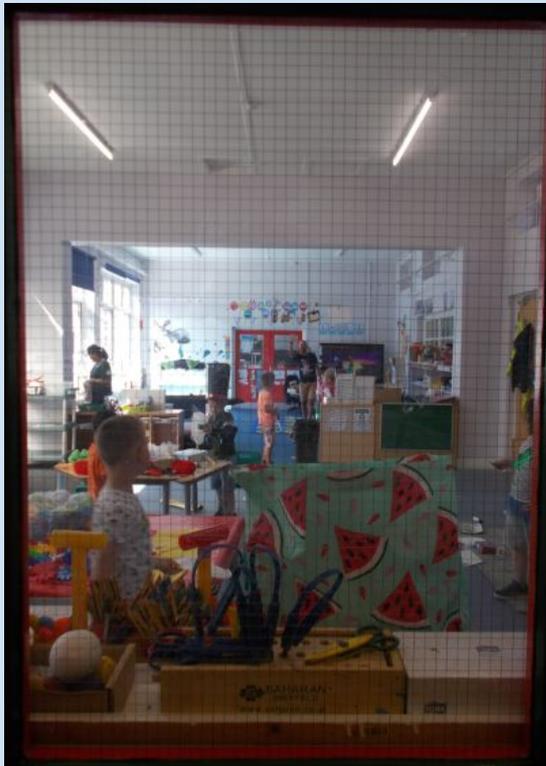


We will always try to go outside, even in wet weather.



You will have lots of fun learning both inside and outside.





Home Time

When it is time to go home, your mum, dad or someone else you know should wait for you at gate 1.

They will wait behind the silver fence. Your teacher will make sure they see your grown-up before you can go.



You will need to walk to your adult on your own.

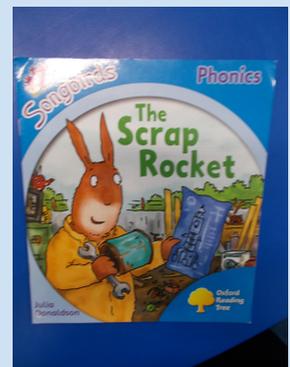
What can you do over the summer to help when you start school?

Share books with your family.

Practise counting forward and backwards to and from 10. Even 20. Do you know what 20 looks like?

Practise putting your jumper on and taking it off. How many times can you do it in a minute?

Practise zipping up and unzipping your coat.



Practise putting on your shoes on. Are they on the correct feet?

Practise getting dressed and undressed on your own. When you do PE you will need to know how to do this.



We are very much looking forward
to you joining South Borough
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See you soon.....



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