

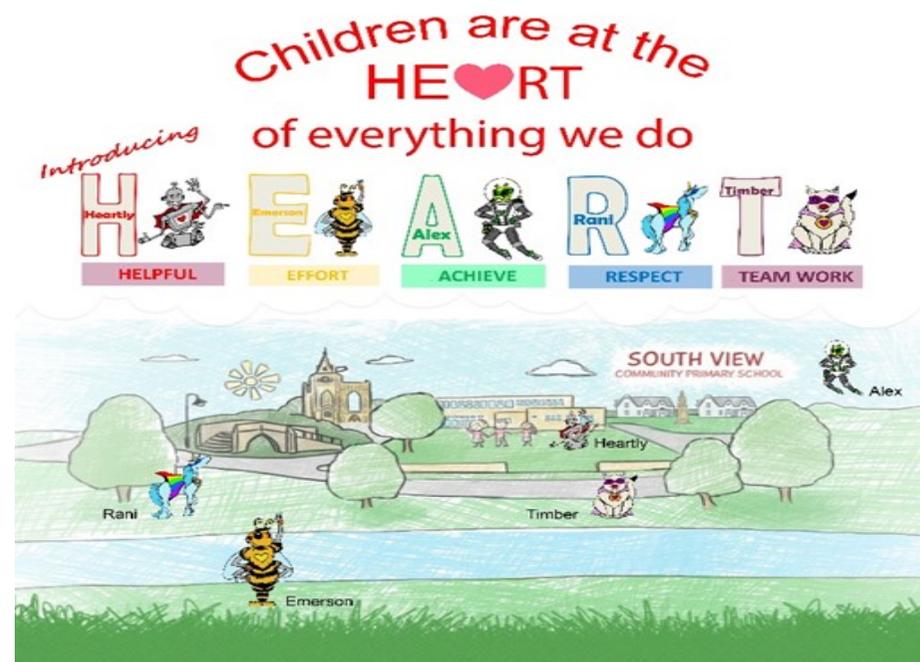
Preparing your child for school

Encouraging Independence:

- Toileting and hygiene
- Getting dressed- Being able to do buttons, zips etc
- Shoes - put on without adult support.
- Practise drinking from carton/ straw.
- Ensure children can use a knife and fork/ opening lunch-box etc
- Packing school bag—show children how to prepare their own bag.
- Recognising name.
- Discussions around who will be taking/collecting them?

The BBC has produced some wonderful information to support parents to prepare children to start school. Please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school>



South View Community Primary School

Introduction Booklet

Includes information on:

- Your child's first day
- General information
- Foundation Stage profiles
- School Uniform



Date: For September 2020

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At South View, children's enjoyment, achievement and sense of security are at the heart of everything we do.

Children are nurtured in a safe and secure environment where respect for each other is celebrated and valued. Our children thrive in a supportive atmosphere where they take a personal pride in their own and others' achievements. South View's dedicated team aims to equip all our pupils with the skills, knowledge and understanding to become informed and responsible global citizens. Our children are encouraged to be creative, show curiosity in the world around them and to recognise, respect and celebrate diversity. We will celebrate the strengths and successes of individuals, inspiring children to enjoy and achieve in all aspects of their learning. We are committed to working with children, parents and the wider community to motivate and encourage every pupil to be confident and successful in the 21st Century.

“Hand in hand we learn together”

Parent Helpers

If you have a few hours to spare, we welcome parent volunteers to come and read with the children and help with activities. If you would like to assist, please contact your child's class teacher.



Buggies and prams....

Please can we remind Parents/Carers that, unfortunately, we are unable to allow buggies/pushchairs/prams into the school. If you do need to come in with your child for any reason, please feel free to leave your buggy etc. under the shelter outside the main entrance.

Local Authority Funding

If you are receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance, please notify the school as it means we can continue to receive that funding from the Local Authority.

Normal School Day

FOUNDATION STAGE

- Morning Session : 8.55 a.m.—12 noon
(doors are opened at 8.40 a.m.
with register 8.55 a.m.)
- Afternoon Session : 1.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.

KEY STAGE 1 (YEARS 1 AND 2)

- Morning Session : 8.55 a.m.—12 noon
(doors are opened at 8.40 a.m.
with register 8.55 a.m.)
- Afternoon Session : 1.00 p.m.—3.10 p.m.

KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6)

- Morning Session : 8.55 a.m.—12.05 p.m.
(doors are opened at 8.40 a.m.
with register 8.55 a.m.)
- Afternoon Session : 1.00 p.m.—3.15 p.m.

It is also important that your child's class teacher is made aware of any changes to who is collecting your child, in writing or by phone call. **We will not let your child go home with any unauthorised person.**

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to South View Community Primary School. As your child starts school for the first time we realise that it is an important step for a small child and we would like to reassure you that our staff will work hard to make sure that your child will feel safe, secure and happy at South View.

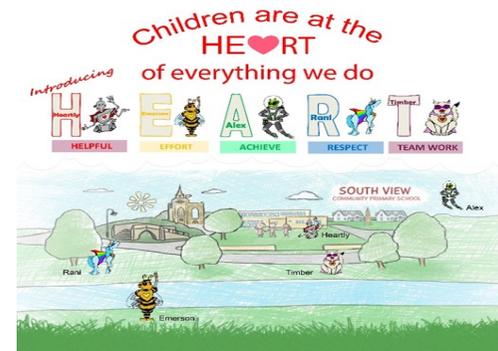
This booklet is just for parents of children starting school for the first time. The website contains additional information, which you may find useful. We hope that, once school reopens we will be able to offer you the opportunity to look around the school, meet the staff, view the excellent facilities and ask any questions.

You will have an opportunity to meet the Foundation Stage Team at a Welcome Evening when South View School reopens and we will contact with you with dates and times as soon as we can. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us via the enquiries email address on our website if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tomlins

Headteacher



The first couple of weeks...

We look forward to meeting your child on their first day with us. The start of the academic year will commence on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**.

On **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September**, children will attend mornings and lunchtime only. Children start at 8.55 a.m. (the main front doors open at 8.40 a.m.). They will have their packed lunch or school dinner and will then be ready to be collected at 1:15pm (the Key Stage 2 gate will be opened so you can collect your child from the school hall).

Remember to order your child's school dinner or send them in with a packed lunch and drink!



From **Monday 7th September**, the children will be in full time. The school day ends at 3pm.

On the first day, parents are able to take their children to their classrooms, however we would ask parents to encourage their children to come into school on their own from day 2. Members of staff welcome children at the front of school every morning and you can speak to them if you have any messages or concerns, which will be passed straight on to teachers.

Tea and coffee morning:

Once you've dropped your child in their new classroom on the first day of school we would like to invite you into the hall for a cuppa and a chance to chat with other parents (tissues will be provided!).



P.E. Uniform

In September and October your child will be doing Physical Development and will not require a P.E. kit for this. However, from November they will need a P.E. kit to be in school in a P.E. bag. Please explain to your child that this bag stays in school and only comes home for the holidays! For safety, children must cover earrings if they have their ears pierced—please provide a roll of surgical tape in their PE bag.

GIRLS and BOYS:

Red PE T shirts with school logo

Navy shorts

Trainers or plimsolls

Swimming costume or trunks, towel and hat (**Summer Term only**)

Your child will be required to change into shorts and T Shirt for P.E. It would be easier if they practised changing at home with your help. This will make changing at school a little easier for them.

BOOK BAGS

Each child will need to bring their book bag every day as a method of communicating between home and school. The class teacher will change the books once a week. You will receive more information about this as your child settles in to school. Book bags are available to purchase from Total Clothing in your child's house colour.

SPARE CLOTHES

All children must have a bag of spare clothes that stay in your child's locker in case of 'accidents' (a pair of knickers/pants, trousers or skirt and socks).

SCHOOL DRESS

Children are encouraged to wear appropriate named clothing at all times. **Please ensure that all uniform is named, so we can match children to their clothes after P.E. lessons!**

General school dress is as follows:-

GIRLS:

Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or plain grey or black trousers

Red polo shirt or white blouse

Red Sweatshirt (v-neck or round neck) with school logo

OR

Red Cardigan with school logo

White socks, red or grey tights

Sensible shoes (not fashion shoes/high heels, boots, sling backs or open sandals)

Red check gingham or striped dress

School tie: elastic or standard (optional)

BOYS:

Plain grey or black trousers or shorts

Red polo polo shirt or white shirt

Red Sweatshirt with school logo: v neck or round neck

Grey socks

School tie: elastic or standard (optional)

Please send your child with a sunhat and apply sun-cream in warmer weather

We spend a lot of time outside in Foundation Stage so please bring a pair of named wellies to be left in school for the whole year.



For information about our uniform providers, Total Clothing, please visit the school website www.southviewprimary.co.uk, select Parents tab, scroll down to school uniform orders and this will take you to a direct link. Please also see the additional information sheet.

Keeping in touch with each other

We will be in close contact with pre-schools and nurseries and when we return to school we will look forward to getting to know your children through visits to pre-schools, and discussions with key workers.

We usually hold an information evening in June. More details of this will follow. Usually, throughout June and July, children will have several opportunities to get to know their teachers and classmates before their very 1st day in September! We will continue to inform you of our transition plans following the government guidance when schools re-open.

Tapestry: We use Tapestry in school, this is an online learning journey for recording your child's learning throughout the year. This is a fantastic tool for sharing their achievements with you. Please return the Tapestry permission form to school as soon as possible. You will then receive an email enabling you to activate your account and set your own password. *(Please note this will be a different account from one you may have already with the pre-school settings),*

Reading: When children start school they are taught phonics (information about this will be shared with you). As your child settles into school we will begin to send picture books to be shared at home. Over time these will develop to reading books links with phonics teaching for children to practise at home. A reading record will be sent home to share your child's progress with reading. Please make your own comments in this book to share with your child's teacher every time they read. We encourage reading with your child as much as possible. Books are changed in school every Monday, however we ask for children to have their reading book and log in school everyday.

THE FOUNDATION STAGE PROFILE

All settings providing the education for children in the final year of the Foundation Stage are required by law to complete a **Foundation Stage Profile** for each child.

This is completed at the end of the year. The process is begun by completing a baseline assessment within the first half term. This will be part of the teachers' broader assessment of children's development to monitor progress. We will also use any information provided by previous settings the children have attended, whether this was a playgroup or Nursery School.

At the end of your child's year in Foundation Stage the profile will form your child's end of year report and represent your child's achievement throughout the year.

ABSENCE

Please note that any absence from school is recorded and parents must notify the School Office and/or the class teacher either by phone, letter or in person on the day. The school operates a 'first day calling' system whereby parents are contacted if no phone call is made to the school by the parents. Parents should be aware that 95% is considered as satisfactory attendance and anything below 90% is classed as persistent absence. This may lead to the involvement of the Educational Welfare Service.

To reduce the spread of illness, if your child has been sick, they need to stay at home for 48 hours, after their last bout of sickness, before they should return.

Absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The Government has directed that holidays should not be authorised.

MORNING BREAK

FREE MILK: Throughout their first year of school all pupils will receive a carton of milk each day free of charge.

FRUIT BREAK: Fruit is provided free each day for Foundation and KS1 children and they are encouraged to try a variety of different fruits. Alternatively, you are welcome to send your child in with a piece of fruit for their morning snack..

WATER BOTTLE: Children will be given a free named water bottle. Your child's bottle will stay in school and will not be sent home.. It will be filled on a daily basis with water so that this can remain in the classroom throughout the school day. Children are not allowed juice in school.

LUNCHTIME

All Foundation and KS1 children are entitled to a '**Universal infant free school meal**'. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this new scheme. *(Please note that for parents with children in KS2 meals can still be purchased).*

Farm Kitchens prepare our healthy and nutritionally balanced meals freshly here on site every day! Menus will be available online on the Farm Kitchen's website from the beginning of August for children starting school in September. In due course, a username and password will be created for your child by the Farm Kitchen which will be sent to you as soon as this is available.

If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch please ensure their lunch box is named and there is a drink in an unbreakable flask (no cans or fizzy drinks). **Please ensure they have a balanced, nutritious meal including a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a drink. We do not allow chocolate or sweets to be consumed in the school dinner hall.**