

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to all our returning children and families. Myself and the staff team are really looking forward to the term ahead and am so pleased that this should be a more typical school year for us all. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are well. I also wanted to welcome families that are new to us both in Reception and the wider school. We have had several children join in other year groups and I am sure you will experience a warm Summerseat welcome.

The children have all looked particularly smart in their new uniforms. Thank you to everyone for ensuring that our uniform code is adhered to.

At Summerseat, we do operate an open door policy and if you ever have an questions or concerns we would encourage you to get in touch via the School Office (01706 823 427 or summerseatmethodist@bury.gov.uk). All staff will try to answer any queries as soon as possible.

Coronavirus Guidance

On the next page, you will see a summary of guidance given to educational settings for September. It is significantly different to last term with children no longer in bubbles. Playtimes, lunchtimes and assemblies will resume with the whole school. Children will no longer have to self isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed case but we urge you to arrange a PCR test if they have been a contact. As a school, we will be maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring well-ventilated spaces and continuing twice weekly optional testing for staff.

Newsletter

Friday 3rd September

Website: <https://www.summerseatmethodistprimary.co.uk/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Summerseat_mps



Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Our Friday Shine award assembly will return from next Friday 10th September and we extend an invitation to our families to join us in Rowlands church from 9:00am. We will try to text parents by the end of Thursday if their child will be receiving an award that week.

Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

Thurs 9th Sept	Music Service Demonstration
Mon 13th Sept	Clubs to start this week
Weds 15th Sept	Meet the Teacher—6pm
Weds 29th Sept	Optional Parent Meetings
Fri 1st Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly

Walking Home / Mobile Phones

We know that many of our older children in Year 5 and Year 6 walk home independently. Please can we ask that you send a quick email to the office to confirm that you are happy for them to do so. We will then maintain a list of parental permissions and this will reduce the need for us to phone you and check. As a school, we do not allow children to have mobile phones with them during the school day. However, if they are walking home independently, we do allow the children to bring phones in but these must be switched off and handed to the office on arrival. They can then be collected at the end of the day.

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 15th September, we will be hosting our 'Meet the Teacher' evening at 6pm—7pm. It will start in the school hall and then parents will be directed to classes. It is an opportunity to meet the teacher, see your child's classroom and look at topics, learning and arrangements for the year. We do hope you will be able to join us for this in-person event.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind everyone that we are a nut free school. We do have children in school who have nut allergies so this is vitally important. Please be mindful of what you bring in for snack and lunch and ensure all snacks are nut free. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



Sept - key changes

- No need for bubbles or reduced mixing in groups in any education and childcare settings.

Bubbles and social distancing



- No longer recommended in any education and childcare settings.
- *Still recommended on dedicated school or college transport.*

Face coverings



- Schools, colleges and early years are not asked to undertake routine contact tracing.
- HE providers may still be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to help with identifying close contacts where appropriate.
- Contact tracing by NHS Test and Trace will be limited to close contacts.

Contact tracing



- Fully vaccinated adults and under 18s (and 6 months) – regardless of vaccine status – will not need to self-isolate

Self Isolation



- Guidance on appropriate cleaning and hygiene regimes remain important in all settings for reducing the spread of Covid-19 as well as other illnesses which may be particularly present this winter.

Cleaning/Hygiene



- Students at secondary schools and FE colleges to take 2 on-site tests on return in autumn, before moving to twice-weekly home testing until the end of Sept.
- Staff across all education settings asked to test twice-weekly at home until the end of September when this will be reviewed.
- HE students encouraged to test before travel and on arrival to university.

Testing



Measures in place

- Guidance on importance of and ways to achieve good ventilation.

Ventilation



- 16- and 17-year-olds can get the vaccine.
- 12–15-year-olds with underlying health conditions or who are household contacts of the immunosuppressed.
- Pop up vaccination sites in some HE and FE settings

Vaccination

