

School Return

We cannot wait to welcome you all back on Monday! Below are some details to help with your return and to help us protect our community as we return to the classroom:

School start times

Class 1 (Rec & Y1) & Class 3 (Y3 & Y4) — 8:50am

Class 2 (Y2) & Class 4 (Y5 & Y6) - 9:00am

Anyone with a sibling at the earlier start time, can arrive at 8:50am

Staff will be on the playground to wait with them.

Staff will come to the playground to collect children from the lines as we did in autumn term.

School finish times

Class 1 (Rec & Y1) & Class 3 (Y3 & Y4) — 3:20pm

Class 2 (Y2) & Class 4 (Y5 & Y6) - 3:30pm

Please can I remind all parents to maintain a 2m distance and wear a mask during drop off and collection.

Wherever possible, only one person should drop off or collect children.

One-way system

At the start of day, we ask parents to bring children down the church path and exit up the red steps and down the narrow path. At the end of the day, we use the reverse to keep our children as safe as possible on the road. Parents must come down the narrow path and down the red steps, collect their child from the playground and then exit via the church path. The car park entrance / exit should only be used under prior arrangement.

PE Days

On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits. The PE days are as follows:

Class 1: Wednesday

Class 2: Thursday

Class 3 & Class 4: Monday & Tuesday

Forest School

Class 1 & 2 will be taking part in Forest School every Friday. They should come to school in clothes that are suitable for Forest School: outdoor shoes – walking boots or wellingtons, warm socks, a warm coat – preferably waterproof, a jumper or fleece, a t-shirt, trousers, waterproof over-trousers if possible (we do have some in school), an extra layer of clothing depending on the weather. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled.

As it is our first day back and our 'Summerseat School Reunion' on Monday 8th, everyone should come in party clothes. (We will not be having PE on our first day back)

Belongings

Children should bring only essential items to school in a flat book bag: reading diary, book, water bottle, lunch bag (if your child is a packed lunch)

We cannot wait to see you all again in person!



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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Summerseat_mps



Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the **children** for their hard work either at home or at school. Also, thank you to all our amazing **parents and family members** who have supported the children through this recent lockdown period! Also, thank you to **Summerseat Garden Centre** who have donated lots of plants to spruce up our outdoor area ahead of school return. It is so appreciated.



Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Class One	Shine Award— Sebastian Values Award - Griff
Class Two	Shine Award— Hugo Values Award - Devon
Class Three	Shine Award— Sam & William Values Award - Charlie
Class Four	Shine Award— Georgia & Martha Values Award - Harry

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th Mar	Summerseat School Reunion
Fri 19th Mar	Comic Relief
Wk beg: 29th	Parent Meetings
Thurs 1st April	School closes for the Easter Break at 3:20pm

Rapid Testing for Families of School Age Children

This week the DfE have published information about **rapid lateral flow tests being made available to all families with primary age children.**

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March. Testing is a vital part of the response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As restrictions in England are eased there is an increase focus on testing to ensure each COVID-19 case is found as quickly and as easily as possible.

To support this, *the government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles,* to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. As explained by the DfE, With about a third of individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe. Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running.

Tests will be available for adults in these households to collect on 1 March. As with student testing, this is encouraged but not mandatory. A secondary PCR test will be required for positive lateral flow tests which are taken at home, either through at home PCR testing or at a local PCR testing site.

How to access tests

- Families can enter either their town or postcode [here](https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html) to find their nearest collection point and can collect up to four home test kits, each kit containing seven tests. Each site gives its opening times online. (<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>)
- For those who would struggle to get to a collection point, the tests can ordered online [here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff), with delivery expected to take one to two days. They come with instructions on how to take the tests and how to report results back to the NHS. (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>)
- Using [this link](#) you can submit your postcode to see if your local authority is offering them at one of their test sites. And some councils and workplaces are offering the tests routinely for their employees, including the likes of transport workers, tradespeople, nursery staff and carers. (<https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>)

Comic Relief

This year, Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 19th March** and it is more important than ever to spread a smile and share some fun! The nation certainly needs a laugh more than ever so our theme will be our value of 'Joy'.

We want you to come to school in any non-uniform item that helps you spread joy to your friends. We do ask for a small donation to the charity to be brought in on the day although this is purely voluntary. We will also be presenting a staff stand up comedy show and also inviting children to bring in their best jokes to share with their class and the school. I am sure we will have a fun day!

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time this week to complete Ofsted Parent View. As we officially opened as a new school on 1st December as part of the Epworth Education Trust, prospective parents were unable to hear the opinions of parents currently at the school. Now, they can so thank you. On behalf of all the staff, thank you so much for your ongoing support. I am delighted and so proud to say that 100% of respondents strongly agree that they would recommend the school to prospective parents.