



STOUR VALLEY

— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

Parent/Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil Days

Tue 1 Sep & Wed 2 Sep
2020

Autumn Term Starts

Thu 3 Sep 2020

Dates for your Diary

- **Next week is week B**
 - **Monday 7 September - All year groups return**
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Half**Term**

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct
2020

Non-pupil Day

Fri 20 Nov 2020

Autumn Term**ends**

Fri 18 Dec 2020

Christmas**Break**

Mon 21 Dec 2020 -

Fri 1 Jan 2021

Spring Term starts

Mon 4 Jan 2021

Upcoming Events this**September****Monday 7 September**

All year groups return

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs R Kelly

We have been so happy to welcome back Year 7, 10 and 11 students this week and for school to begin to feel normal again. We are looking forward to completing the full set when Years 8 and 9 return on Monday. Attendance has been excellent, with Year 7 on 100% attendance for all three days, and Year 10 on 97% and Year 11 on 98%.

Face Masks

We are grateful to parents/carers who have provided their children with a mask. As you know, these are not mandatory at Stour Valley, but we are recommending and encouraging students to wear them. Face coverings are largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection (COVID-19).

Below is a link to the government guidance on use of face masks:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Within the Stour Valley community, we are welcoming back staff who are pregnant, who were shielding up until August 1st, staff and students who are living with someone with auto-immune disease and/or have been shielding, and a range of other concerns. We recognise that the local infection rate is low, and we want to keep it that way and not contribute to a local rise.

We appreciate you supporting us in encouraging your children to wear face masks.

Buses

We have had clarification from Suffolk Passenger Transport regarding students wearing facemasks on school buses. On those buses which are deemed purely school transport (i.e. that operated on a free home to school basis) they can only recommend to students that they wear them, as it is not law that they have to do so. We would encourage our students to wear them on any bus. Therefore, for the purpose of our school, the only buses where students MUST wear masks are:

- **Chambers 236**
- **Chambers 237**
- **Big Green Bus Company**

Public Transport is different as it is law that they have to be worn. This applies to any transport where payment is made either to the school or to the bus operator.

The link below is for Suffolk Passenger Transport's FAQ's on School Travel:

<https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/bus-getting-to-school-college-or-sixth-form/coronavirus-faqs/>

PE at SVCS

Students are to wear PE kit to school on days that they have PE on their timetable. Only school PE kit will be permitted. Tracksuit bottoms must be navy or black and no hoodies or jumpers other than official SVCS PE kit are to be worn. In cold weather, PE kit should still be worn with the addition of students normal school coat. Boys PE groups will be required to bring football boots and shin pads for their first lesson, carried in a separate bag.

We realise that our new IT systems mean that students can see their timetables in their Outlook calendars. We will be distributing paper versions of Years 7, 8 and 9 timetables on Monday 7 September, these year groups will not have any practical PE on this day. Therefore, they will be required to attend in full school uniform, as planned activities will be classroom based on Monday 7

September. Practical PE lessons will start from Tuesday 8 September 2020.

Using the School Library Safely

From next week we will be running a rota and sign up system for the Library to ensure the safety of students as well as the LSAs who will be overseeing the Library during break and lunchtimes.

The rota system is detailed below:

Monday	Year 7
Tuesday	Year 8
Wednesday	Year 9
Thursday	Year 10
Friday	Year 11

There will be 15 places available for break or lunch - please note that students **will not** be able to sign up for both sessions. The sheets will be placed in the Heartspace in the morning and will be on a first come first served basis. A sign up sheet will also be available for the five computers that are based in the library, again, students will only be able to complete one session on their scheduled day.

VIVE Canteen Baguette Pre-Order Forms

As our school canteen *Sub Bar* is currently closed, students can pre-order a baguette before breaktime. Order forms are available from the back of the main hall, displayed on the radiator. Our baguettes are priced at £2.30. Please view the below example of an order form for your child's reference:

