



## Siddal Primary School Contacts

Who to contact if you have a concern about your child:

**First contact: Class Teacher**

Any concerns that you have regarding your child should always be brought to the attention of their class teacher, unless this is a confidential matter.

**Second contact: Phase/Team Leader**

EYFS, Years 1, and 2 - Mrs Braime

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Mrs Woodhead

Concerns that cannot be dealt with by the class teacher will be directed to the Phase Leader for the child's year group.

**Third contact: Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs Howarth**

**Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Denham**

Mrs Howarth and Mrs Denham will deal with serious matters and confidential information.

At Siddal Primary School, we operate an open door policy and will try to meet with parent/carers when requested. On Wednesday evenings after school all teachers have a staff meeting, so will not be available to see parent/carers unless it is an emergency.

Class teachers are not available to speak to parents/carers in the morning before school as the pupils are entering the building. Please give all messages to be passed onto class teachers, via Mrs Harper and Mrs Gurteen, who are available in the KS1 playground before school.

Parents/carers can also ring the school office to arrange meetings with staff.

Siddal Primary School follow the Calderdale Policy regarding violence and aggression towards employees. Please ensure that all staff in school are addressed in a polite and respectful manner at all times.

## Do you know the age restrictions?

At Siddal Primary School many of our computing lessons and whole school assemblies centre around keeping ourselves safe. Social media is a major focus of this including the use of the internet based games, apps and messaging based communications.

Did you know that many of these apps have age restrictions of 13 years and over? Below are the app/game pictures so you can recognise them on your child's appliances at home and also their age restrictions.

**All these apps/games have an age restriction of 13 years +**



Facebook



Facetime



Instagram



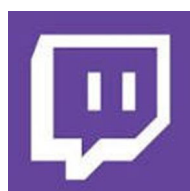
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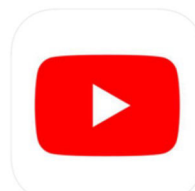
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WhatsApp



Twitter



YouTube

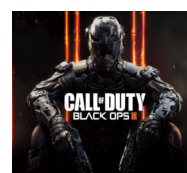
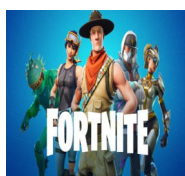


Clash of Clans



Clash Royale

**These two games have an age restriction of 18 years +**



Please ensure your child is safe online at home, by supervising them at all times and knowing which apps/games they are playing on.

## Honours Awards 18.1.19

	Hard Workers	Special Pupil
Reception	Toby Cummin	Bella Helliwell
YEAR 1	Tillie Varley	Nevaeh-Rae Nicholson
YEAR 2- Dolphin	Evie-Blue Yates	Cole Curry
YEAR 2- Snow Leopard	Lilly Spencer	Louie Crossley
YEAR 3	Matthew Heppinstall	Lexi Birkby-Griffin
YEAR 4	Freddie Taylor - Farren	Maia Poenariu
YEAR 5	Lexi Abel	Alfie Sheriff
YEAR 6	Logan Hodgkinson	Charlie Watson



## The Importance of Reading at Home

During the school the day the children have a number of opportunities to read in and out of class, as a whole class, group or occasionally 1:1. We are pleased with the progress the majority of children are making in their reading.

**Reading is equally as important at home, but we have a number of pupils who are not reading frequently enough, or at all, at home.**

Please support your child by spending 10 minutes each day reading with them on a 1:1 basis.

## Bad Weather



In the event of bad weather you will be notified of closure by text message. It will also be published on the school website and the Calderdale council website. Please do not assume that if Park Lane is closed that we are closed.

Take care on the paths around school and ensure that your children have appropriate coats and footwear for snowy days. Please be assured that we only decide to close our school in exceptional circumstances, where the safety of our families and staff is the primary concern. On some occasions this may be due to the availability of teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than purely the condition for pupils getting to school. We will always try our best to keep the school open and it is only in very severe conditions that we have had to close.

## Whole School Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance: 97%  
This above the Government National average of 97.2%.

Thank you to everyone who has been at school every day and on time. Pupils' punctuality has also significantly improved this half term.

	Attendance	Punctuality
1st	Dolphins 100%	Snow Leopards 100%
2nd	Pandas 99.3%	Orangutans 99.6%
3rd	Snow Leopards 98.8%	Dolphins 99.4%
4th	Elephants 97.6%	Rhinos 99%
5th	Polar Bears and Gorillas 96.5%	Pandas 98.9%
6th	Rhinos 96.2%	Polar Bears 98.7%
7th	Orangutans 93.3%	Elephants 98.4%
8th		Gorillas 98.2%

## Who's Collecting Your Child?

The safeguarding of the pupils and staff at school is paramount. All pupils are discharged each day by the adults working with them. To ensure that your child leaves with the correct adult, please ensure that you let us know in advance if they are being collected by a different person. If we are not made aware of a change of person collecting your child, this will delay their exit from school, while we make the necessary checks. Informing the school office before 2.30pm will help to minimise delays and confusions.

## Autumn Term Dates so far...

Please keep checking for updates.

21st Jan- Year 2 visit to St Mark's Church  
7th Feb- Year 4 visit to Blue John Cave  
11th Feb- Year 1 visit to Legoland  
13th Feb- SPAF Valentine's Disco  
14th Feb- Choir going to Young Voices  
5th/8th Mar- Visits to Lindley Book Shop  
**15th Feb- School closed for staff training**  
25th Feb- Better Living Team Y1 Sleep session - parents invited  
28th Feb- Reception Eye Tests  
1st March- Year 3 visit to Coal Mining Museum  
5th/8th March- Lindley Book Shop visit  
**12th April- break up for Easter break 3pm**  
**29th April- School reopens 8.50am**  
13th-16th May- KS2 SATS

Please note the term dates and book your family holidays during the breaks.