

# Stanbridge Lower School



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## Newsletter No 18

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Update 2**

Since yesterday's announcement the situation in school has changed quite a lot. We currently have several staff members who are not at school for various reasons and we have had to reorganize classes, lunchtimes and children to accommodate this. There are also significantly lower numbers of children in school, also for various reasons. I will keep you informed over the next few days and if I do have to close certain classes because I have no supply teachers or we can't split the children safely between classes, I will let you know as soon as possible. You will be notified through a text message in the morning and a message will be put onto our website. We will also update our closure status on the Central Bedfordshire website at <https://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>. Take care and keep well everyone and if anyone is isolated and needs help, they must phone school and ask and we will endeavor to help you as much as possible.

### **Postponements/Cancellations of Events in School**

- Faith Tour: Today the Faith Tour have cancelled our trip, due to their guides being over 70. We will arrange to reimburse families who have paid as soon as possible.
- Sports Festivals: The Sports Partnership which we belong to have cancelled all festivals and competitions until after Easter.
- Orchard Lodge: The Year 4 children will not visit Orchard Lodge this week to sing. This will be re-arranged at a later date.
- Ukulele Concert: This Friday's concert will be postponed and re-arranged at a later date.
- Art in the Community Week: We can no longer staff this safely, as staff are needed in school and we will re-arrange this at a later date.

Any other dates will be revised or postponed depending on the availability of staff. We will keep you informed.

### **Key Messages from School 2**

- Please follow the above advice from Public Health England etc. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.



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- Please follow the above advice from Public Health England with regards to social distancing. This can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>
- More work will be available on our school website by the end of the week. On Monday teachers started setting work and writing plans for those children and families who need to self-isolate at home for 14 days and these plans and further guidance on working at home will be available by the end of the week on our school website at [www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk](http://www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk) under the "children tab". Currently there are links which take children to websites where work can be accessed. Alternatively parents can google literacy or maths with their child's year group and a range of website will appear with a range of suitable work for your child. All children have reading books and children in Yr 2,3,4 have times table books to complete.

## Taken from Public Health England – Stay at Home Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infections.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

### Main messages

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. (See [ending isolation](#) section below for more information)
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period. (See [ending isolation](#) section below for more information)
- if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period
- if you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible
- if you have coronavirus symptoms:
  - do **not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
  - you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
  - testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home and consider what can be done for vulnerable people in the household
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home



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- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the [NHS 111 online](#) coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

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