

Stanbridge Lower School



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Dear Parents/Guardians

UPDATED COVID GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS - additional public health advice to reduce the spread of infections in schools

Rates of infection among school-aged children and young people increased to very high levels before half-term. As we go into the next half-term, the local situation remains very challenging, consequently, our Director of Public Health is advising all schools and colleges to put in place additional temporary measures to reduce onward transmission and keep educational disruption as low as possible.

Please read the letter on our website from Vicky Head, Director of Public Health detailing the new advice.

As advised by Public Health we will be putting additional, temporary measures in place to reduce the spread of transmission in school and to keep educational disruption as low as possible, until the end of this term. So from the 1st November we will

Staff

- Ask all staff and visitors will wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.

Bubbles

- Take reasonable steps to reduce indoor gathering and mixing between classes and year groups.
- Children will stay in their existing bubbles for teaching. Staff will continue to move between bubbles.
- We will hold virtual assemblies.
- Intervention groups will still take place.
- Inter School Sports Competitions/Festivals: These will not take place. Mrs Brewer is currently seeking advice about how these will be reorganized to take into account these measures.

Lunchtimes

- Children will remain, as much as possible, in bubbles at lunchtime. The playground will be zoned again so that each class stays in their own bubble. Each class already has their own box of playground equipment to use at lunchtimes.
- Lunchtime Chess Club will continue in Year 4.
- Choir will not take place until whilst these measures are in place.

Playtimes

- Children's playtimes will continue to be staggered.



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Arriving and Leaving School

- Children will continue to enter and exit in the same way as they do now. Parents, when dropping off or collecting your children, please move to the area outside your child's entry and exit point, wear a mask in this communal area and keep socially distanced. Please leave the playground straight after collecting your children and keep your children with you at all times. Please do not allow your child to wander. No child should be allowed to go into the court area after school. School will still finish at 3.30pm.

Before and After School Clubs

- Children will be seated in their bubbles and avoid mixing as much as possible.
- PE/Sports activity nights will be reorganized and changed to allow for children to stay in their year group bubbles.

Hygiene/Cleaning

- Daily cleaning regimes are already in place and will continue.
- Classrooms will as advised continue to be well ventilated.
- Handwashing will continue as normal following current advice.
- Toilets will continue to be cleaned at lunchtime.

Non Essential Visits

In the guidance for schools, it states schools should "Limit non-essential visits to the setting". So at Stanbridge we will do the following:

- Parent Consultations, as planned will go ahead virtually or via the telephone.
- All non-essential visits to our school, as advised in the guidance for schools, will be limited.
- Christmas plans will need to be changed to accommodate these new measures. At this point in the year and normally across the next 4-5 weeks children would mix together to plan, rehearse and prepare for our Christmas Productions. We are all disappointed that this now cannot happen. On a more positive note. The children can still celebrate Christmas, but in their bubbles. Christmas parties and Christmas Jumper Day can still take place in bubbles and Mrs Molloy has today planned to do some Christmas cooking with each class before the end of term. The staff and I will meet and share further plans for Christmas with you within the next couple of weeks.

Contacts of a Positive Case

Students in Year 3 and above and staff who are household contacts of a positive case and are exempt from isolation (because they are under 18 or are fully vaccinated) are strongly encouraged to take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days and should only attend school or college if their lateral flow test is negative. Lateral flow tests should be taken for 7 days from the date of the first COVID symptoms in the household, or from the date of the first positive test if there were no symptoms. In addition to this, all household contacts are encouraged to follow national guidance and book a PCR test. People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days do not need to participate in daily LFD testing or be re-tested with PCR.

Good News

Miss Waller got married during half term and will now be known as Mrs Brewer.

Mrs Davies will be in the playground to meet and greet you tomorrow morning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours Sincerely

R J Godwin
Head Teacher



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Diary Dates: These will be included on the school calendar on the website. Teachers are currently planning school trips for their classes and other curriculum events will also be organised and as the teachers plan their topics for the term. You will be notified of these accordingly.

November	Energise Club and Young Leader Training Year 4
9 th November	Parent Consultations via Zoom
18 th November	Sports Hall Athletics Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
23 rd November	Art afternoon for all year groups - The colours of Christmas
8 th December	Christmas Production: Yr 2,3,4 - This event is now cancelled and new plans will be available soon. The above advice will be taken into account when planning Christmas
9 th December	Christmas Production: PS, Rec , Yr 1 - This event is now cancelled and new plans will be available soon. The above advice will be taken into account when planning Christmas
13 th December	Yr 2 Phonics Screen Test to replace tests cancelled in June 2021
13 th December	Student Council Christmas Jumper Day - Wear your favourite Christmas Jumper to school
15 th December	Christmas Dinner at School
16 th December	Christmas Parties in school - These will take place in classes, following the above advice
tbc	Yr 4 Young Leader Training
Spring Term	Cooking Lessons for Yr 3/4
18 th January	Art afternoon for all year groups - Sensational sculptures
Spring Term - date tbc	Year 3/4 Ukulele lessons
1 st February	Gym Festival Yr 1,2,3,4 - Miss Waller to advise
2 nd March	Art afternoon for all year groups - Charcoal images
8 th March	Spring Cluster Sports Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
9 th - 11 th March	Grafham Residential Field Trip - Year 3
16 th March	World Book Day - further details to follow
21 st March	Poetry week in school
24 th March	Parent Consultations
31 st March	Girls Football Competition Year 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
tbc	Swimming Yr 4
Summer Term	Cooking Lessons Year 2
21 st April	Hockey Festival Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
Month of May	KS1 SATs Testing Period
Month of May	School Games Sports tbc
5 th May	Art afternoon for all children - Floral flowers
10 th May	Cluster Sports Yr 1,2 - Miss Waller to advise
11 th May	Careers Day for all year groups
19 th May	Netball Competition Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
25 th - 27 th May	Grafham Residential Field Trip - Year 4
Week of 6 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test
Month of June	Phonics Screen Test for Year 1
10 th June	Sports Day 2pm on school field
14 th June	Summer Sports Cluster Meeting Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
16 th June	Cricket Festival Yr 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise



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6 th July	Year 4 Transfer Day
14 th July	Children visit new classes for next year
14 th July	Reports sent home
14 th July	Tennis Festival Year 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
18 th July	Open Afternoon and informal parent consultations
20 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Brief Explanation of Sessions for New Parents

Sporting Events: School is part of the Leighton Linlade Sports Partnership who provide many sporting activities and competitions for children in KS1/2 across the year. We encourage all children to take part in competitions/festivals across the year and this is tracked by the PE Subject Leader.

Harvest Festival - see above for this year's arrangements

Pegasus Award: Based on developing resilience. Children work towards objectives in four areas (see website for further details) and achieve an award at the end of the year

Parent Consultations: Parents and children are invited to talk to teachers about their child's achievements, progress and targets. These sessions take place in the school hall or over Zoom. In the summer term a drop in parent consultation session is held for parents, after school reports have been sent out (tbc).

Christmas Production: Parents are invited to watch their child perform in for Christmas

Cooking Classes: Children learn to cook as part of the new National Curriculum. A specialist teacher is brought in to teach the lessons to the children. Cooking also focus on healthy eating, food preparation etc. Further details are published on our website.

Sports Day (arrangements for this year to be confirmed nearer the time): Come and join us all on the school field and watch your child take part in sports across the afternoon. Are you brave enough to take part in the Parent's Race!!

Grafham Residential Field Trip: Is open to all children in year 3/4. Children spend three days away from home and school taking part in adventurous activities.

Yours sincerely

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Teachers 2 Parents - Text Messaging Service

Name of Child:

My mobile/home telephone/emergency telephone number has changed to



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