

# Steam Mills Primary

05.03.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Settling into school

We hope that all children are excited about seeing their friends. Teachers appreciate that there will be some nerves and excitement and please be assured that they are ready to support all children. There will be lots of wellbeing/PSHE opportunities to help the children return to a normal school day alongside the return to usual teaching and learning. Teachers will be finding out who needs what, both academically and socially, over the first few weeks. To enable this, familiar resources such as the Oak Academy resources will be used at times.

## Staffing

As from Monday, Mrs Hale will join Class 2 as Teaching Assistant, moving from our Pre-school. We also welcome to Class 2, Mrs Hiam who will also be working as a Teaching Assistant.

## World Book Day and Red Nose Day

We hope that you and your children enjoyed the World Book Day activities this week. We do have book tokens to be given to the children when they return next week.

On Fri March 19th, we will mark Red Nose Day with a mad hair or hat day and encourage children to wear something red. So, start thinking of how to use hair gel and spray creatively or decorate a cap/hat in a crazy way! There are some fabulous ideas online – just google 'mad hair day ideas' or look on Pinterest. Lots of ideas could be adapted into hats or wigs! Suggested donation £1-£2 per child.

## Uniform/Jewelry/Hair

It is completely understandable that your child's uniform/shoes may not fit and we appreciate that shoe shops are not open. Please do not worry; send your child in with the best alternatives you can until you can replace items. Please support our normal expectations for no jewelry, other than small studs, which must be removed for PE. No tram lines or coloured hair. Thank you.

## Return of Devices

Please could borrowed devices from school be returned to the school office along with the charger and cover (covers for laptops only) on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club for Children Returning to School

Please could you ensure that lunches are ordered on the ParentPay system ready for your child's return to school. Just to remind you that you must order in advance as there is a 48-hour cut-off due to the meals being cooked off-site and to order. If your child is returning to school and you would like Breakfast Club and/or After School Club provision, please complete and return the attached request forms (one form is for ad-hoc requests and the other is for regular bookings). Thank you.

## Diary Dates

### March

19<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day

### April

1<sup>st</sup> End of Term 4  
19<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday  
28<sup>th</sup> Inset Day & End of Term 5

### June

7<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 6

### July

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Day & End of Term 6



## **Risk assessment**

School's Covid risk assessment has been updated and can be seen on our website.

## **Please remember**

Please practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms and do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

## **Drop off and collection**

Locations and times remain the same as before Christmas-the poster is attached again for your information to this Newsletter. Please arrive at your allotted time and help to keep bubbles separate, as we want to avoid any partial closures! If you have more than one child, all siblings can arrive together at the later slot and the later slot for collection.

## **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college (from DfE):**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test and do not need to wear masks (even if 11 years of age).

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

**The nearest collection point is Hempstead Meadows (site of Gloucester Car Boot and Flea Market), Gloucester, GL2 5LE. It is open daily 1:30pm to 7pm.**

Best Wishes  
Mrs Davis