

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for all of the positive messages and kind words regarding the children's return to school and hearing that the vast majority of children are so happy and enjoying being back at school, really makes all the risk assessment writing worth it! I know that some of the children are still feeling unsettled. I do, however, believe that the nurture and support my staff is giving is really helping to support all pupils back into the routines of school. Thank you also for your kind words to me personally, I have appreciated every email and message, and I aim to reply to you all within the day or certainly by the evening! This is truly a community, joint effort. The staff are working stoically, the children are working hard and so far, I am thrilled to say that, despite the autumn coughs and colds, Stathern Primary School is Covid-19 free. Having said this, we are acutely aware of the local and national rise in cases and with this in mind, last night I received this information from the Local Authority:

"As infection rates continue to rise across the county, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Children and Family Services request that **face coverings are worn by parents and carers at school pick up and drop off in Leicestershire.**

Cases are rising nationally, but there are particular areas of concern in the county, and public health officials are advising residents to be vigilant in all day to day activities. It has been difficult for some parents to maintain social distancing at school gates, and this further measure will help prevent the spread of coronavirus. The advice remains the same: *keeping your distance, getting a test only if you have Covid symptoms, washing your hands and wearing a face covering where required.* Parents and carers are asked to do everything they can to protect their families and friends." **This will apply as of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Stathern Primary School.**

The NHS autumn campaign and one that we endorse is:



Please also be mindful of the advice this week that groups of more than 6 are now banned. These remain challenging times for us all and working in partnership we will ensure children can continue to attend school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me via [klambert@stathern.leics.sch.uk](mailto:klambert@stathern.leics.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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