



Stoneydelph Primary School

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4th March 2021

Dear Parent /Carer,

I am writing to update you on our reopening to all pupils on Monday 8th March.

In line with the most up to date government guidelines, we have made some slight changes to our Risk Assessments (available on our school website). This is to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep children, staff and the wider community safe from transmission of the Covid 19 virus.

A brief summary of the plan is listed below;

- All start and end of the day times remain in place as before Christmas
- Only 1 parent or carer should accompany children to the school gates to prevent overcrowding and allow social distancing
- Parents and visitors are only allowed on the school site by prior appointment
- Parents, staff and visitors will wear face coverings when moving around school and at the school gate
- Hand hygiene will be practised on entry to the school building, regularly during the school day and before eating
- Class or age group bubbles will be kept separate in class and on playground where possible to limit transmission (more details in risk assessment)
- All children should wear school uniform (please talk to class teachers if school uniform doesn't fit – we understand it may be difficult to replace outgrown items at this stage in the school year)
- On PE days, pupils will attend school wearing PE kits for outdoor PE. Please ensure kit is suitable for all weathers.
- Free fruit is available for KS1/EYFS but KS2 pupils may bring healthy snack (no break sales)
- KS1/EYFS lunches will be eaten in the hall (with a strict cleaning rota) and KS2 pupils will eat in classrooms
- Staff will take twice weekly lateral flow tests and in the case of a positive results, the bubble will be required to isolate in line with government guidelines
- No assemblies or large gatherings until further notice
- Children do not need to bring equipment or personal belongings into school
- Any pupil who displays symptoms of Covid 19 (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) should self-isolate immediately and take a test. School should be informed of any positive test results so we can support the track and trace system and isolate any close contacts. (See school website for further information)

Further details can be found in the Covid 19 Risk Assessments and Reopening Plan on the school website. <https://www.stoneydelph.staffs.sch.uk/web/covid/489684>

It is important for all pupils to return to school on 8th March and attendance is mandatory for all pupils. Statutory attendance will be in place and parents have a duty to ensure their child attends school. Any absences will be dealt with in line with the attendance policy and may result in fixed penalty notice fines. Please contact us if you have any concerns about attendance.

Please can all parents maintain the staggered start and end of the day for their child's year group and ensure they leave the area outside the school gates as soon as possible to avoid creating congestion. Please can you also ensure you are wearing a face covering to prevent transmission of the virus. This has been working well - thank you for your co-operation.

Any adults in the household of school age children are now able to take lateral flow tests twice weekly. These are available to order online or collect from a local test centre. Links are below.
Please note this is for adults only.

Link to order lateral flow test kits to be delivered to the home:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Link to test kit collection point:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If individual pupils need to self-isolate, teachers will provide remote learning via Class Dojo and a paper learning pack on request for collection from the school office. Please be aware that staff will do their best to give feedback on any uploaded learning but will be very busy teaching in school and your patience is appreciated. Where a whole class or bubble is isolating, the remote learning will be provided as it was during the lockdown. Teachers will keep parents updated via Class Dojo. There is no requirement to bring completed learning from lockdown into school.

I appreciate how many of you will be concerned about your child returning to school but the evidence from the government clearly states that school is the best place for our children to be for their education, social skills and well-being. We will continue to follow any advice from Public Health England and the government in the coming weeks but want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to ensure Stoneydelph remains open and our pupils receive an excellent all-round educational experience.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We are very excited to welcome our fantastic learners back into school where they belong. Thank you for your continued support during the period of remote learning and for being kind and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Parsons

Headteacher