



17th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Coronavirus Home Working Plan

I wanted to keep you updated regarding Coronavirus, the stage of the “delay strategy” and how it affects us.

Reminder – Hygiene

As a school, we are continuing to promote good hygiene amongst all our children and staff. It is well known that this is one of the most effective, proactive measures that we can all take. We would be grateful of your support at home, providing reminders to your children about handwashing regularly.

A NHS video for children on handwashing can be found here –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

There is a lovely song that your child can sing and it may be a nice change from hearing them sing ‘happy birthday’ to time how long to wash their hands!

Delay Strategy

At this time, schools are not being told to close and are staying open unless a specific situation leads to closure. We continue to closely monitor the situation and receive daily updates. The school works under direction of the appropriate agencies in these circumstances and we will give you any information as we receive it. We will use school PMX to communicate any changes to you as soon as we are able to.

Previous Advice Reminder

The advice previously sent about travel to and from Category 1/ 2 countries remains, or if you have been exposed to a known case of the virus. Please do access further information if required.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

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Update on Community Events

As you were advised at the end of last week, we have limited the visits to the school and only necessary office-based meetings will be held. It is extremely unfortunate that we have had to cancel or postpone events and hope that we can reschedule some of these for the future.

How would the education of my children continue if the school was to close?

There is a chance that we could be asked to close Stanwick Primary for an unknown period of time. Whilst we know this will be a last resort, we need to make sure that we are prepared in the right ways to support your child to continue their learning at home. As a school team, we have been working to put together a range of opportunities and resources that will enable the children to continue learning and still have access to their class teachers.

The work will be located on the Stanwick Primary website from tomorrow (Wednesday 18th March 2020). Please find the relevant year group where there will be all of the activities needed. If you are unable to access the internet, please ask the school office for a paper pack.

Teachers have made a commitment to being on their emails during the working day (8:15am – 4:00pm) in order to respond to any questions or queries from yourselves or your child regarding their learning. **If your child's teacher becomes ill and is no longer able to fulfil this support, you will be notified with alternative actions that you can take.**

Early Years

You will be sent a range of activities home with your child to support their learning away from school. You can access these through the school website. They will receive some active challenges and opportunities to explore through play as they would in the school setting.

We expect the children to use Phonics Play and read daily and take opportunities to discuss their books with their parents/carers.

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Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

We expect the children to complete the following activities daily in line with what we would do in a normal school day:

- Reading.
- Phonics Play (KS1).
- Times Table Rockstars.
- An English task – A range have been shared in their relevant are on the website.
- A maths task.
- A topic challenge – this might be a creative activity, or written based.

All children have access to Times Table Rockstars in Key Stage Two and should be using this to support their multiplication tables. We also encourage you to use some of the following websites for more learning activities:

- Top Marks
- ScienceWerkz
- Twinkl
- Oxford Owl
- Classroom Secrets

If we are given enough notice of closure, then we would send every child home with reading books and ask that they are reading for at least 15 minutes per day. Whilst we appreciate that learning at home is not the same as working at school, we do encourage the children to engage with their learning daily in order to return to school having had the same opportunity as the rest of their peers to learn. We are more than happy to support remotely and can be accessed through our email accounts that are found on our school website.

We shall continue to be in contact and will share information and further learning opportunities as more updates are shared.

Thank you all for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel necessary.

Kind regards,

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