



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the return on Monday 8th March 2021. The staff have been working hard since the announcement to make sure that they are ready to support the children back into learning in the classroom environment and being back in school. We cannot wait to see all of the children again and begin to look forward to normality together.

Following on from the government announcement, please see the details of our return below. I hope that this provides you with necessary details to plan towards our return, as well as feel confident in the safety measures that are in place.

Our updated, thorough risk assessment has been shared with staff and will be adhered to and monitored regularly to ensure it remains updated in line with any new guidance provided.

Returning to school

All children will be required to attend school on Monday 8th March 2021 in line with the government expectations. As set out prior to the closure in January, absence from school will be coded in line with the DfE expectations and absences dealt with in line with our school Attendance Policy. Absence request forms can be emailed to you or collected from the school office if a planned absence is needed. Please call in to the school office to report any sickness as usual. **If you are concerned about your child's return to school, or would like a further discussion about their return, please email me on cneild@stanwickprimary.org.uk where Mrs Awbery or myself will be in touch with you as soon as possible.**

We have ensured that the measures that have been put into place ensure the school is ready for all of our children to return in the safest way possible.

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As per the government guidance, we will remain with our key stage bubbles for the children for playtimes outside. The children will remain in their class bubbles at all other times around the school.

What does my child wear?

The children need to return to school in their full uniform and wear their PE kits for the full day on days when they have their PE lessons. Please be aware of the weather for the day when your child is attending school in their PE kits. Black joggers and a black jumper can be worn as part of the uniform on colder days.

We ask that the children's clothes are washed regularly to limit any spread as much as possible.

As the weather starts to warm up, the children may bring items such as hats into school. Please ensure that any clothing items fit into your child's bag and are clearly labelled for them.

What are the timings for the day?

The timings on our return remain the same as they were prior to our closure. Although this may change over the coming weeks, please continue to follow these until further notice. A reminder of these are below.

Morning arrival:

8:30 – 8:45am – Foundation and Year 4

8:45am – 9am – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

9am – 9:15am – Year 5 and Year 6

Afternoon pick-up:

3pm - Foundation and Year 4

3:15pm – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

3:30pm – Year 5 and Year 6

As mentioned in my previous letter, the Before and After School Club will be running as normal for the children to attend. These places **must** be booked prior to the sessions that you need due to space restrictions. All staggered timings have been accommodated for and your child will be taken to their classroom in the mornings, or taken to the hall from their classrooms in the afternoon.

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Break and Lunchtime

The children will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms at lunch time. Our Early Years and Key Stage One children will eat their lunch from 12pm and our Key Stage Two children will be out to play at 12pm and eat their lunch at 12:30pm as before our school closure.

Lunches should be booked on Wisepay as normal, where we still have hot and cold options available to book. We are still not running our full range of hot food options at this time, but parents and carers will be notified of any changes with this as any changes occur.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the vouchers will no longer be provided from Monday 8th March, and lunches can be booked again through Wisepay.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a clearly labelled water bottle for the classroom and a healthy snack for break times. Children will be asked to wash their hands before consuming their snack and then going out to play.

What is in place for the children when they return to school?

Please see below a reminder of safety measures in place across our school:

- Children will remain with their class bubble in their classrooms at all times when in the school building. Key stage bubbles are in place for playtimes and lunchtimes outside.
- Staff will be socially distancing from each other and face coverings will be worn in any areas away from their classrooms. Where staff cannot socially distance from another adult in the classroom, they may wear a face covering at times in these situations.
- All staff will wear a face covering when engaging in face to face communication with any parents or carers, and we ask that parents also wear their face coverings when on our school site.

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- All children and staff will wash their hands when arriving at school and when moving in and out of classrooms. Tables will be wiped down regularly and lunch and snacks will be eaten at their designated tables.
- Tissues will be available in all classrooms and communal areas and children will be encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' throughout the day where needed.
- The toilets across the school are regularly cleaned and the children continue to use their designated toilets to limit the children using the same toilets across the school. Children will be allowed to go to the toilet one at a time from the classroom to avoid children mixing in the toilets.
- The school site will continue to have social distancing measures in place. We will continue with the one-way system to move around the site that is marked out, as well as markings for queuing to drop off or collect if needed. We ask that parents continue to follow these and remain aware of other parents moving around the school.
- At this time, we will not be having assemblies and gatherings in the school hall. PE lessons will only take place in the hall where they cannot take place outside.
- We request that only one parent comes on to the school site if dropping any children off. We also ask that no parents remain on site after dropping their child to school, or collecting them to avoid collections of people around the school.

Signs and Symptoms of Covid-19

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- 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).
- 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.

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Any child within the school that shows any of the signs or symptoms of Covid-19 will be isolated and the parents contacted. The member of staff looking after the child at this time will be required to wear PPE.

Any adult that shows signs or symptoms of Covid-19 will remove themselves from the building and return home immediately. The member of staff will be asked to attend testing and remain away from school until the results have been gained.

All areas where the child or adult was located will be thoroughly cleaned by staff wearing appropriate PPE and all staff and children will be removed until the areas are suitably clean for them to return.

If any member of your household displays signs or symptoms of Covid-19, we ask that you and your family isolate at home in line with the guidance provided. The school must be notified of any family members that is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and when tests are taken. **We must ask that you carefully consider any illness symptoms that your child has and make an informed decision as to whether they should attend school or not.**

Entering the school

With a one-way system in place around the school, we ask that parents limit the amount of time that they spend at the classroom door. If you need to speak to a teacher, please email or call the school to make contact unless essential to speak to the teacher at that time. Teachers have been asked not to speak to any parents or carers that are not wearing face coverings (unless for any medical reason) for their own safety.

The school office will be open during the normal hours and the outside door will remain open as much as possible for you to enter. The glass cover will remain closed, but the office staff will be able to communicate with you and deal with any queries you may have if you need them.

If you child has an appointment during the school day, please notify the office prior to the appointment to ensure the teachers are aware in advance to release your child for the appointment.

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Home Learning

If any closures are to occur across our bubbles, we will continue to use the online platforms that we have as a school during the last term, as well as deliver lessons and hold live feedback sessions for the children across the week.

If your child has to isolate as an individual, the work will be provided on the online platforms and will remain in line with the work being completed by the children in school as much as possible. There will be a live call in place with the class teacher during the week and this will be arranged at the time of absence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or queries on cneild@stanwickprimary.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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