



June 1<sup>st</sup>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the time and effort that you have put in to supporting your child's home learning. The normal school structure that your child has been used to has been completely removed for many weeks now, and the idea of completing their school work at home will have been very strange to the children of our school.

As per the government updates and our most recent communication with you, some year groups will begin to return to school to continue their education for the rest of this academic year. The government advised that this should begin with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 within primary schools. Below outline the year groups that we will be welcoming back to Stanwick Primary from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. As the government guidance continues to change, we will monitor and adapt the structures that are in place in order to support more pupils to return to school.

At this time, we will not be asking children in Reception to return to school. We do not feel we are able to offer the appropriate provision for the children under the current guidelines. We are disappointed that we are not able to welcome the children back and enable them to continue their learning experience in the same way they started their year. Those of you with children in these year groups will receive further communication with the plans that are in place to continue working with our youngest children, and how we will encourage attendance to the school in other ways.

#### Who will be returning?

Year 1 will be welcomed back Monday to Thursday each week. Those of you with children in year 1 will receive further communication surrounding how this works.

Year 6 will be welcomed back two days a week, with this being Monday and Tuesday or Wednesday and Thursday. You will receive further communication of which days your child has been allocated in the next letter.

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We will also continue to provide the provision for children of key workers and vulnerable families. This provision will move back to Stanwick from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June and follow the structure outlined below.

### Children of Key Workers

The provision for key workers will take place in the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms. Currently, any children in Early Years or Key Stage One will be allocated for in the Year 3 classroom and any children in Key Stage Two will be allocated for in the Year 4 classroom. You may need to queue when you arrive or collect at times. We ask that you use the lines provided to queue behind. Please see below for how you should expect this to look on arrival.



If your child has already been attending the provision, or you have made contact through the questionnaire that was sent in your previous letter communication, you will have already been allocated for. If you do not fall in to either of these categories, please contact me at [mrsneild@stanwickprimary.org.uk](mailto:mrsneild@stanwickprimary.org.uk) as soon as possible. **Any child that arrives to the provision without prior contact being made will not be allowed to join the provision on that day.** The groups have been allocated based on current numbers and we need to remain within the current government guidance in order to adhere to social distancing measures.

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## Returning children – key worker provision and year groups

### Health Conditions

#### Clinically Vulnerable and Extremely Vulnerable Children

The current government guidance states that:

*For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been [classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible.*

*Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.*

If your child has asthma or diabetes, they fall into the 'clinically vulnerable' category. Before they return to school you will need to seek medical advice to confirm it is safe for them to attend as per the guidance given. This information will need to be shared with the school prior to returning to school.

### What does my child wear?

The children attending school for any of our groups **will not** be required to wear their school uniform. This will mean that we do not need children to change in to their PE kits for active sessions and can avoid wearing the same clothes on consecutive days.

Please be aware that whilst we are not expecting children to wear school uniform, we do ask that they are appropriately dressed for their learning and activities.

- No open toed sandals/flip flops
- No party clothes/crop tops etc
- No jewellery (in line with normal school expectations)
- No big hair bows or dyed hair

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We are also not expecting any pupils to be wearing face masks and the recommendation is that staff do not wear them unless they are in very close contact with a pupil e.g. some pupils require intimate care.

The weather has been very warm recently. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing with them for the weather. Sun cream will need to be applied before your child attends school as staff are unable to apply this for them.

### What are the timings for the day?

We have a staggered start and finish to our school day. We will not be offering a before or after school club as we cannot accommodate for the amount of children that will need this support, whilst remaining in the groupings that are in place. To work with our parents and accommodate as much as possible, we are allowing parents to drop their child to the outside door of the classroom they will be working in between the hours of 8am and 9am and collect between 3pm and 4pm. Any child that currently has permission to walk home from school will be released from school at 3:30pm.

### How will lunch work?

Children will need to come to school with a drink, healthy snack and a packed lunch. Lunch can be purchased through Wisepay as normal if needed, but pupils will only be able to have a packed lunch at this time. There will be a variety of options for the sandwich filling to be chosen from.

### Free School Meal Vouchers

Any parent that is receiving free school meal vouchers for their child will still receive these regardless of whether they are attending school or not. This will be in the place of meals being provided free of charge at school. We request that the money provided through these vouchers are used to send your child to school with a packed lunch each day if they are attending school.

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### How will playtimes work?

Children will have their free time with their bubble either on the school field, or the playground which will be supported by an adult that is associated with their bubble. Each child in the bubble will have their own individual equipment to play, which will be wiped down before they are used again. The children will not be able to play on the trim trail or the new outdoor learning items at this time.

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

We have worked to put measures in place for all of our children that will keep them safe and adhere to the government guidelines that are set out. For detailed risk assessments, updates to policies and further guidance, please visit the school website under the title of 'Covid-19'. These will provide the detailed steps that we have taken to ensure the appropriate safety measures are in place for staff and children at the school.

Please see below some of the key points:

- Children are in bubbles with the same children each day, and are limited to a maximum amount under the government guidance. The movement of staff and children between bubbles has been limited as much as possible.
- Measures are in place for social distancing in classrooms and around the school site. Tables have been separated for children in order to achieve social distancing, and resources have been allocated per child as much as possible. Any items that are shared will be appropriately cleaned before returning for use by another child. Please see images below to see how this will typically look.



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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 will be eaten at their designated tables.

Example of classroom washing area



- Each group will have their own classroom and toilets allocated to them. Play times and lunch times are also in groups and staggered times to ensure all groups have time outside.
- The school site will have social distancing measures in place. There will be a one-way system to move around the site that will be marked out, as well as markings for queuing to drop off or collect if needed. Please see below for how this will look on your arrival.

Front entrance



Back entrance



- 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.

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## 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.

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. If diagnosed, all staff and children within the group will be asked to self-isolate unless tested and confirmed negative.

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, or until they have been cleared of the virus if the results are positive.

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 are that you and your family isolate at home in line with the guidance provided. If your child has been attending school, please notify us of the symptoms by phone call or email and do not send your child in to school.

### Entering the school

We ask that parents do not go in to any classrooms when dropping their children to their classrooms, and remain socially distanced from the classroom door.

We appreciate that at times, you will need to make contact with the school. The school office will be open and the outside door will remain open as much

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as possible. 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.

Where possible, we ask that you phone or email to the school and avoid the use of the office. All staff monitor their email accounts and will respond when they are able to.

### Transitions for all year groups

All pupils in all year groups will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend some time working on some transition activities with them. These sessions will take place on a Friday morning beginning Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Further information on specific dates for year groups and further details will be provided later in the week.

### Home Learning

All year groups will continue to receive their home learning work and be supported in the same way they have over the past weeks since our closure. We will be continuing to use Google Classroom to interact with children in year groups 1 to 6 and the Interactive Learning Diary to continue communicating with our Foundation children.

All teachers will be involved with two or more days of support within school during the week. On these days, the communication from the class teachers may be limited, but all queries or support requests will be responded to as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or queries.

Kind regards,

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