



# Stanley Primary School

September 2021

## **Government Guidance**

The Government guidance regarding the operation of primary schools was updated in July 2021. Please find the guidance [here](#).

We will return in September to fulfil the expectations required of us;

- ensure that the safety of everyone is paramount in all our decisions and actions;
- continue to provide a high quality, well balanced curriculum to best support our pupils in their education.

## **Keeping Children and Staff Safe**

All schools must comply with health and safety law which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. Essential control measures include:

- Good hygiene for everyone
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Our risk assessments for September 2021 can be accessed here:

## **[Stanley Primary School Risk Assessments](#)**

At the time of producing this document COVID-19 infection rates are high as we embark on the school summer holiday. We will be taking a cautious approach in terms of releasing some of our COVID-19 control measures.

## **In September we will be:**

- Maintaining the entrances to school to minimise contact between year groups inside the building (see information regarding entry to school on the school website). *Doors will open at 8.50am. Please be reminded that children are not supervised by school staff up until doors open.*
- School lunches will continue to be served in the dining rooms for the infant children. Initially children in the juniors will eat lunch in the junior hall. This means that children who are entitled to free school meals will be served a cold packed lunch.

- Children will continue to work in class bubbles (with the addition of sets for Maths and English in Y6, and phonics groups in Year 1 and 2).
- Children will play at break and lunch times with children across year group. At break time Year 1 and 2 may play outside at the same time, Year 3 and 4 and year 5 and 6.
- Seating arrangements in Year 2-Year 6 will continue to be forward facing.
- The one-way system in school will continue to be utilised.
- Gatherings such as assemblies in school will continue to be carried out virtually.

These arrangements will be reviewed as we progress through September as we are able to take a view on Covid infection rates and the effect on our pupils, staff and community.

### **Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning**

Please check for any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature;
- a new, continuous cough;
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste.

If any of these symptoms are evident do not send them to school, contact school 01253 763601/761022.

If they are generally unwell please do not send them to school and inform us of their absence.

### **Coats and Bags**

As children have their own cloakroom facilities outside their individual classrooms, coats and bags can be left in their normal places. Items brought into school need to be kept to the minimum. Any children who bring a mobile phone to school will need to keep it switched off in their bag, these cannot be collected by the office. School cannot take any responsibility for mobile phones in respect of loss/damage.

### **The Importance of Fresh Air**

Windows and doors will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Therefore, please ensure children come suitable dressed (jumper or

cardigan will be required). Teachers will plan outdoor learning activities as usual therefore it is essential that the children come suitably dressed for all weather possibilities.

### **School Office**

We have now created one school office in school. This is in the infant department. It is essential if your child is late for school that you bring them to the office to be signed in. In the case of older pupils who travel independently please ensure they are aware that they must make their way to the infant department to the office to gain entry to school.

Please can parents do all they can to ensure that children have all that they need for the day (e.g. packed lunches) at the start of the day and if there is an instance where their child needs to be collected at a different time, they should telephone the school to make arrangements. All other communication should be done by telephone or e-mail as far as possible.

### **Communication**

Communication with parents is really important to us. We would request that meetings with members of staff are by prior arrangement. Please do this by telephoning school as usual 01253 763601/761022.

### **Availability of Water on Site**

All pupils should have their own, named school water bottle that is untouched by other children or staff. Water is available in school to refill children's own water bottles.

### **School Uniform**

It is an expectation that all children will wear their school uniform. We expect our children to take great pride in their school and this is reflected in the way they dress.

On **PE days** the children should come to school in their PE kit.

From September, PE days will be as follows:

- Rec - Information will follow
- Y1 - Monday and Tuesday
- Y2 - Monday and Wednesday
- Y3 - Tuesday and Thursday

- Y4 - Tuesday and Friday
- Y5 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Y6 - Wednesday and Thursday

Please note that these days may be subject to change. Any changes will be texted out to parents.

To utilise the grounds in the Autumn/Winter it would be extremely helpful if children in the infants (R, Y1 and Y2) had a named pair of wellies in school.

This document has links which may be updated due to changing Government guidance. Any updates for families will continue to be sent via the school's text messaging system, therefore please ensure that school has your up-to-date contact details.