



STOWFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021 and we hope that you and your children feel the same.

We would like to thank all remote learners and their parents for working hard and providing support at home during the lockdown period. From 8th March, attendance at school returns to being mandatory.

In order to continue to keep everyone safe whilst lockdown is slowly eased there are some COVID related arrangements that will still be in place when the children return to school.

The school will continue to operate in year group 'bubbles' to reduce the social mixing of children and the subsequent spread of any potential infection. There will be no large social gatherings such as assemblies, which will continue to be virtual as they are now. Entrances and start and finish times will be staggered (see below) and we request that all adults or older siblings dropping off and collecting children wear a face mask on site at all times. It would help to reduce footfall on site if only one parent came to drop off and pick up and we ask you not to linger please in order to avoid overcrowding.

Year group	Drop off time	Pick up time	School gate
Year 6	8:50-9:00am	3:20pm	Front or back gate
Year 5	8:40-8:50am	3:10pm	Front or back gate
Year 4	8:50-9:00am	3:20pm	Front or back gate
Year 3	8:40-8:50am	3:10pm	Front or back gate
Year 2	8:50-9:00am	3:20pm	Front or back gate
Year 1	8:40-8:50am	3:10pm	Gate by Qube or back gate
Foundation	8:45-8:55am	3:15pm	Gate by Qube or back gate
Nursery	9:00am	3:00pm	Nursery entrances

Children are requested to wear school uniform unless it is a P.E. day, in which case please wear P.E. uniform (white t-shirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers and a school sweatshirt). If it is also Wild Tribe then an extra layer may be worn over the top if the weather is cold.



In order to minimise the amount of equipment travelling between home and school, we request that children do **not** bring pencil cases to school. All necessary equipment will be provided and will be for each child's personal use. A school bag is fine if needed to transport packed lunch and book bag. Please, for the time being, we request that children do not bring in sweets or cakes from home to share when it is their birthday.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the COVID 19 symptoms and please continue to let us know if anyone has taken a COVID test, or is isolating. In the event of a bubble needing to close due to infection, the whole bubble will be sent home to isolate for the advised length of time and remote education will be provided as it is now. Staff will continue to test twice a week using Lateral Flow Device tests in order to minimise risk.

Until the beginning of the summer term, at the earliest, there will be no enrichment after school clubs or school trips. This will be kept under review as time passes and new guidance is issued. The breakfast and after school wraparound childcare is still operating, with Nursery and Foundation children in the Nursery building and children in Years 1-6 in the Nest.

There will be a newsletter issued next week with information about future dates and further information about virtual parents' evenings which will be held later this half term.

In the meantime, please do contact school if you have any queries. Teachers are available via ClassDojo, the office staff will be pleased to help you, or for those on site please do see me at the school gate.

With very best wishes,

Sue Williams

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Headteacher

