

Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are well at this time. Thank you so much for the lovely feedback and support many of you have shared with us – we greatly appreciate this.



Founder's Day this year was very memorable – there is a beautiful write up about the event and the history of the Stanford Family in the Parish press. We are so proud to have taken part in this way this year and think the special 'virtual' messages from friends, families, Governors and Stanford Trust members were truly wonderful. Please have a look at these and the videos of the day on our school web, if you haven't had chance to yet.



Kindness and care for others including animals is so important and we were delighted to hear the wonderful news about a year 4 pupil who has been helping make a positive difference to local animals

This caring pupil decided to approach his neighbours and ask them for help. He did a leaflet drop at 35 houses and got a great result as you can see. He really enjoyed the planning and collecting and was so pleased to be able to take lots of donations. The Jungle Zoo really appreciated his hard work.....and we're sure the animals did too!! Well done!



Also, the VE Day celebrations you shared with us were wonderful – thank you. I hope you enjoyed the slide show too – it was a very special day.



We are looking forward to this Monday, when we are implementing our plan to welcome more pupils back on site, as part of the Government's Covid-19 recovery strategy. The school have been working very hard ensuring the school environment is welcoming and safe for more pupils. You will see lots of social distancing measures in place in and around the school grounds, such as poster reminders and playground markings (in a snake and ladder theme!)

Unfortunately, we have been unable to offer provision to all those who wanted to return to school due to the size and space of the building and the availability of staff. However, it is lovely to know that so many of you miss school and are looking forward to when you can return.

Staff continue to use their 'best endeavours' to keep the web up to date and also are very busy planning exciting and interesting activities for the provision to pupils on site.

The Dfe states, 'no school will be penalised if they are unable to offer a broad and balanced curriculum during this period.' The Government have worked closely with other key partners to ensure the support is there for 'remote' learning resources. This includes:

- [Oak National Academy](#), an online classroom set up by teachers, covering the curriculum (including specialist content for pupils with SEND) for every year group from Reception through to Year 10. By the end of week two, Oak had 1.4 million users who had viewed over 4 million lessons
- [BBC Bitesize](#) which has developed a comprehensive new education package, available on TV, via the red button and iPlayer and online at BBC Bitesize. Bitesize Daily TV shows were watched by over 2m households on iPlayer in the first two weeks of transmission

Staff will, in addition, be providing weekly web based learning activities including Hamilton, Spelling Shed, SMSC and science/other activity. Please see our web site for links.

Packs of learning activities to support 'vulnerable', SEND and EHCP pupils are also available, as are our regular 'check-in' calls to these pupils. The school office remains contactable by phone and/or email to support with queries and to pass on messages. We are always here to help where we can.

Polite reminders to the families of pupils returning on Monday 8th June, 2020:-

- Remember your Bubble drop off and collection time (see letter and web for reminders please)
- Remember your packed lunch please
- Remember your inhaler etc if you have one please
- Remember your letter about consent to walk home/be collected for Silver and Gold Bubbles please
- Pupils remember to look for the playground marking and to 'social distance' please
- Please remember parents/carers are not able to come on site but are asked to 'socially distance' at the gate and on the way to school etc
- Remember you don't need a school bag or pencil case as you will have a separate wallet/pot/tray of resources just for you!
- Remember to wash your hands regularly throughout the day – you will be able to spot the 'Sanitiser Station' in your Bubble room
- Remember to bring in labelled sun lotion and hat (in a little sandwich bag) please
- Remember to wear sensible and comfy clothes (so they can be easily washed every day)
- Remember your Bubble Lead and staff are really excited to see you and will help you feel settled on your return. ☺

If you would like to see how we have set up the site and classrooms – have a look at the slide show that Mrs Smith (Deputy) has created – it is on the home page of the school website.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank the Stanford staff team and Governing Body for their tireless work and support at this very challenging time – they are all amazing.

Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend.

L Hackfath
Headteacher