

Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

'Living Together, Learning Together'

Hope you are all well.

The wider opening of school on the 8th June, 2020 has gone very smoothly at Stanford. Thank you for your support and the lovely feedback we have received. The pupils who have been able to join us on site have been brilliant – they really have risen to the challenge and have quickly adapted to the new routines. That doesn't mean we have forgotten about the pupils who are still at home as we continue to miss them all. Unfortunately, we are full to capacity on site, based on our risk assessment and current Dfe preventative measures guidance. However, we continue to follow the current Dfe guidance and are looking forward to receiving information regarding Government proposals for September and catch-up information. We will, of course, keep you as fully informed as possible of any updates.

Curriculum

At Stanford we continue to ensure a balance for the pupils between activities designed to support basic skills and subject knowledge and those that enrich their well-being and physical health. We have been really impressed with the pupils' attitude and they have created some amazing work already.



As a school we have always promoted and encouraged home reading – please see links on our reading and Class blogs for support.

Virtual home learning

Like many schools we have drafted a timetable of resources for children to access at home which gives activities for each day of the week. We have had some fantastic feedback about the Hamilton and White Rose resources in particular. We share daily plans for English and Maths and also ensure that there is a SMSC, science or other subject each week along with physical activities, wellbeing activities and other suggested resources. The timetable provides some structure but also allows for flexibility as we realise all families and pupils are different.

They are in the best position to decide what works best for them. We really do believe that these activities should not be creating stress or anxiety. We are here to support and help in whichever way we can and staff have been able to provide some supportive strategies and advice in their check-in calls with you.

The Dfe documents state that as face-to-face teaching at school is taking place, as we at Stanford have ensured throughout, that Oak National Academy resources are to be considered as suitable educating platforms for additional support for learning. The links are on the school website. Staff also refer parents/carers and pupils to many other resources, so do please look at the Class blog for information to support you. We love hearing about your home learning too – here are some super examples.



Community Links

As always, we work very hard to ensure continued positive communication. We have ensured many newsletters, blog updates, texts and phone calls have taken place. It has been super to hear all about your learning and fun. Remember too we have the pupils@stanfordschool.co.uk email address to share learning with us. The subject blogs also have lots of great examples that we have shared to celebrate and inspire learning.

The annual reports to parents/carers and covering letters have also been shared. We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils and I am sure you will be too. Well done everyone!

Cancelled York Residential

Following on from previous communication with parents/carers, please may I confirm that school have not yet received the refunded payments from the tour operator. We continue to be in discussion about this. We will of course keep you updated as we find out further information and are trying our best to help bring this situation to a positive and swift resolution.

Transition

Miss Wilson has been very robust contacting the new starter families and the Foundation Stage 'Welcome Pack' has been posted out too. There are lots of additional resources and information on the school web site, so please have a little look when you have the chance too.

The Dfe guidance regarding year 6 states that 'it is unlikely that many of the end of term traditions will be able to take place' which we are just as disappointed about as the pupils. However, Year 6 pupils are on our minds and Mrs Marsden and Mrs Smith have ensured that there are transition activities on the school web site (Barley blog) and also have been working on a little surprise for the pupils too! There is a special letter for the children which we have posted out with some information about this. We also know many Secondary schools have been in touch with the pupils about their transition arrangements. However, if pupils are

feeling a little sad about this situation please do encourage them to talk about their feelings and there are some helpful links at the bottom of this page. In addition, we are here to help too in our check in calls, through the pupils email account or indeed through the school office.

Remember, ***“You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think”***

Although we have not received Dfe guidance regarding the Government’s plans for September and therefore are unable to share these with you. However, if classes and year groups are back to normal we wanted to make some steps to help pupils and families with transition in the meantime. Therefore we will be contacting families in the next few weeks to speak with their potential new teacher but please be aware this is not confirmed at this stage. We have also generated an ‘All About Me’ information sheet to share to support SEND pupils and others.

‘Living Together, Learning Together’

This is our school motto and one that underpins our vision and ethos.

Please do remember that all staff are doing their very best, just as you are, to ensure a high standard of provision for the children at Stanford. We sympathise and understand many people may feel anxious or upset at this time but by continuing to work together we can ensure that we can get through this together.

Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Stay well. Stay safe.

Kindest regards,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'L. Hackfath' and the signature on the right is 'Mrs J Childs'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

L.Hackfath
Headteacher

Mrs J Childs
Chair of Governors

Range of support information which may be useful :-

Covid-19 updates can be found in the folder on the school blog and text reminders are sent out with links etc too.

Youngminds.org.uk – 0808 8025544

Winston’s Wishes – Bereavement support – 0808 8020021

Useful North East Lincolnshire Numbers

Anglian Water – 0800 145145

Blue Cross – 0300 777 1840

Childline – 0800 1111

Citizens Advice Bureau – 03444 111444

Domestic Abuse Support – (01472) 575757

Electricity (24 hrs) – 0800 66 88 77

Gas (24 hrs) – 0800 111 999

Hospital – (01472) 874111

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
(01472) 326292**

NHS – 111

**North East Lincolnshire Council
(01472) 313131**

NSPCC (24hrs) – 0808 8005000

**Humberside Police (non-emergency) – 101
Samaritans – 116 123 (free from any phone)**

**The Blue Door Domestic and
Sexual Abuse Service
0800 197 4787**

**With You (formerly Addaction)
(01472) 806890**