

# Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to the summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the Government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe.

However, just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the school web site for useful links and updates.

Recent web updates include :-

- Each week staff plan activities for spelling, reading, maths and science etc on the Class blogs. Staff are also working on a 'hello' video that we aim to upload this week. Miss Perrin has helped re-design these so that the information is as clearly laid out as possible.
- A 'Sing and Sign' link is on the homepage and we hope you are enjoying learning this, even if it's the chorus and some key words etc.
- Transition Booklet for new starters is on the homepage (and is being posted out) under 'Are you looking for a wonderful school for your child?' We are very excited to meet our new members of the Stanford family. There is also a parent's guide to the EYFS on Seedlings Class.
- Year 6 transition information along with some helpful videos have been updated on the Transition Page and Barley Class Blog. Further information will follow.
- Further information regarding pupil and family wellbeing is on the home page and includes guidance and suggestions along with some helpful resources and contacts.
- Fact file information on how to support pupils at home with learning is on the home page.
- Updates on the PE blog – videos supplied by Premier Sports, Kickstarters and other to help you keep fit and healthy.
- Information on how to support SEND pupils at home with learning is on the home page.
- Updated 'keeping safe on line' information is on class blogs and our home page tab- please have a look.
- Sun safety information.

- Regular Dfe updates, including documents to support parents are on the home page.

In addition, you will have received a text on Monday regarding the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. These resources have been organised by the Government and became live on Monday and have been added to our web. They include some videos, quizzes and sequenced lessons. Each day there will be 3 hours of work for a primary aged pupil available in all subjects. If you would like to please use these resources to support and supplement the work you have been doing with the school web resources.

Please remember you are not expected to become teachers and your children are not expected to learn as they do in school. However, parents and carers are doing an amazing job in very challenging circumstances. So please continue to do what works best for you and your family by using the resources where they help and remembering that physical and mental well-being are equally important as other curriculum areas.

The DfE also have helpful guidance for parents/carers at this time. Please see:-

- [www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19)
- [www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19)

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Our school web Community pages shows our displays and support for the NHS and our rainbow art etc. We have also made and delivered cards for Cloverdales, St Margaret's Church and others. Pupils at school helped make a card to send to Captain Tom Moore for his 100th birthday on 30th April. We are all so inspired by his efforts and his advice,

'You've got to think things will be better; that the future is in front of us all and that without doubt things will get better.'

Thank you for your continued support and thanks also to the staff and Governors for their amazing work and help during this time. Also a mention to David at our web company who has been inundated with web updates from us but still keeps smiling, thank you.

Stay safe, take care of yourselves and remember we are thinking of you.

**Leona Hackfath**  
**Headteacher**

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS (also on the school website)**

CHILDLINE – 0800 1111

REFUGE – 0808 2000 247

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline – 0800 046 8687

THE MIX – 0808 808 4994 (children's confidential helpline)

YOUNG MINDS – 0808 802 5544 (parent helpline for children's mental health)