

Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I do hope you all managed to have a good Christmas holiday.

I am writing with an update for you following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening regarding the new national lockdown and the partial closure of schools. We were of course, prior to this announcement, looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school but as you will be aware, with increasing Covid numbers etc, it is important that we implement the measures outlined by the Government and try to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Therefore, as per Dfe guidance, from the 6th January, 2021, Stanford School will only be open on site to 'vulnerable pupils' and to those children of critical worker families. As you can imagine we have been very busy throughout the day today organising this plan. The parents/carers of the above pupils, who meet our risk assessment criteria, will have been contacted today by text/phone to confirm a place for their child/ren tomorrow. Please may I refer you to the usual Bubble staggered start and end times for these pupils, as we will continue to use this preventative measure.

All other pupils from our Stanford family will be offered remote learning, as outlined in our Remote Learning policy and information on the school web site. As you will already be familiar with, Stanford uses Microsoft Teams and the pupils have been introduced to this last term. Staff will be uploading learning tasks daily for those pupils learning at home and staff will also be leading Bubbles in school at this time.

To further support home learning, packs of learning activities too for younger pupils, SEND and EHCP pupils are available. We will continue to ensure regular 'check-in' calls to our 'vulnerable' pupils too and the school office also 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 to the school site on Wednesday, 6th January 2021:-

- Remember to use your Bubble drop off and collection time (see school web for reminders please)
- Please ensure your child/ren arrives at the correct time – not early, not late but just right on time! This helps avoid crowds and helps to reduce the number of contacts.
- Remember your packed lunch please. If you have ordered a lunch through Chartwells Catering online, they will only be provided for on Wednesday 6th January and then they will then move to packed lunches from Thursday 7th. If KS1 children and Free School Meal pupils require a school packed lunch please let the office know ASAP. We will order these on your behalf, KS2 to bring their own please.
- Remember your inhaler etc if you have one please
- Pupils remember to look for the playground marking and to 'socially 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 – the 'Sanitiser Stations' in your Bubble room and around school are all in place, as before
- Remember to wear your school uniform (although we will be reviewing this decision by the end of the week)
- Remember your Bubble Lead and staff are really excited to see you and will help you feel as settled as possible on your return

'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 challenging time.

It is our understanding that the Government will be reviewing their plan in mid-February 2021. We will of course do our best to keep you as informed as possible with any updates etc when we receive them but we generally do find out information at the same time as yourselves via the regular news outlets.

As the Prime Minister stated yesterday, it is important to note that this new variant is 'between 50 and 70 per cent more transmissible – that means you are much, much more likely to catch the virus and to pass it on.' (Gov.uk, PM's address to the nation: 4th January 2021.) Please do adhere to the lockdown advice and only use the school places available if it a necessity for you as we are working hard to limit the number of contacts to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will review the plan in place at school in light of any further Dfe/Government recommendations or guidance.

Covid Symptoms (NHS site)

Symptoms of coronavirus

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus on GOV.UK

What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is where someone who lives alone (or just with their children) can meet people from 1 other household.

Find out more about [making a support bubble with another household on GOV.UK](#).

Urgent advice: Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you're worried about your symptoms
- you're not sure what to do

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service

Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Many thanks for your kindness, understanding and support.

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

Stay well. Stay safe.

Kindest regards,



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Headteacher

Range of support information which may be useful :-

Covid updates can be found in the folder on the school blog and Facebook page.

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**