



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

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Weekly Update Friday 4th September

Welcome Back

It has been a wonderful week to welcome children back to school. We have had a fantastic response with 97% of children in school!

The atmosphere around the building has been amazing even with the changes we have made inside and outside to maintain bubbles.

Keeping everyone safe

We have implemented a one-way system around the school, which is helping to support social distancing. This remains a key piece of Government guidance and we would strongly urge everyone to support us with maintaining this while dropping off and picking up children.

Some Key stage 2 parents have asked if they are able to remain at the front of the school rather than entering the site to collect children. This is completely fine but we need to know your child is safe so please ensure we know your collection arrangements by sending an email to the school if you do not want to meet your child at their class exit point. Children in Year 6 whose parents have provided written permission for children to walk independently are asked to remind them of the need to maintain social distancing of at least 1 metre from anyone outside their household.

Just a reminder of exit points for all classes:

- Key Stage 1 children will leave school to come into the playground from the Hall door 1 (the steps exit)
- Year 3 and 4 will leave school to come into the playground from Hall door 2 (the ramp exit)
- Year 5 will leave by their fire door
- Year 6 will leave through Miss Daly's Year 6 class fire exit

Our school office are open but we would encourage communications to be through phone calls or emails as far as possible.

Bringing Equipment to school

We understand children are excited to be able to bring items in from home but in the current climate we must ask that only the bare minimum travels too and from school. This means we are asking children to only have either their book bag or small ruck sack lunchbox and water bottle each day. Coats for children in Years 5 and 6 will need to be hung on the back of their chair as we are not allowing lockers to be used at the moment.

We would appreciate your support with this to ensure we keep any points of transmission as low as possible.

Medication in School

A reminder that if your child requires medication in school that it should be returned with the Healthcare Plan form as soon as possible. Medication must be in date and show the named prescription label from your GP. If you have any queries please speak to Mrs Gundry in the school office.

PE

PE kit is as follows:

- Plain navy blue shorts
- T-shirt in the child's house colour
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Plain navy blue tracksuit, jogging bottoms or sweatshirt.

Next week, children will not require PE kit in school as any PE lessons will be completed in uniform. Details of the days that each class have PE lessons will follow next week.

Message from Friends

We have an AGM on Wednesday 30th September 7pm please come along if you would like to help with next year's school events. We would welcome lots of new members and we hope to see you at the meeting.

Online Learning Tools

We will continue to use Seesaw and Google Classroom as online tools for setting homework. If you need to be reminded of your login details, please contact the school office.

Should we, at any point, need to rely on remote learning we would revert back to these provisions much in the same way as we had in place during lockdown.

Please can we remind parents that general queries should still be directed via the School Office rather than through these channels.

Parent Forum

We are very lucky to have Parent Forum representatives in some of our classes, they collate feedback and suggestions from the parent body and feed it back to the school in our regular Parent Forum meetings. They have been so valuable with their input to many areas of the school. Ideally we would like a representative in place for every class before the next meeting so Reception Parents, we would love you to come forward to represent the new class. As a reminder, your current representatives are:

Year 6 – Mrs Hayers

Year 5 – Mrs Brown and Mrs Potter

Year 4 – Mrs White

Year 3 – Mrs Bailey

Year 2 – Mrs Smith

Year 1 – Mrs Griffiths

Sniffles vs Symptoms

There may be times when your child is under the weather with the usual seasonal sniffles – we would ask that you refer to the World Health Organisation list of COVID-19 symptoms to identify whether your child needs to be kept at home. Sniffles and sneezes are not on the symptoms list so, as long as your child is feeling well in themselves, we would be happy for them to come to school.

We thought it may be useful to remind everyone of the World Health Organisation guidance about Coronavirus symptoms. COVID-19 affects different people in different ways and most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalisation.

Most common symptoms:

- fever
- dry cough
- tiredness

Less common symptoms:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- diarrhoea
- conjunctiviti
- headache.
- loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms:

- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- chest pain or pressure
- loss of speech or movement

Seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms. Always call before visiting your doctor or health facility. People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should manage their symptoms at home. On average it takes 5–6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days.

Road Safety

Please can we ask all parents to remind their children about road safety which may have been less of a focus over the last few months. Children should be following the 'Stop', 'Look', 'Listen', 'Think' rules to make sure they are safe on their way to and from school. There are some useful resources at <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/lesson-1-do-you-stop-look-listen-think/>

Communication

Communication is very important to us and we welcome opportunities to share and discuss your child's work and progress and to this end we share photos and work on the class pages of the school website. If you would like to discuss anything with the Class Teacher please contact the school office in the first instance so that we can arrange a convenient appointment. The office is available from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday and can be contacted on 01296 612371 or office@stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk.

School Uniform standards

Please be reminded that hair accessories should be small and in-keeping with the school colours. Multi-coloured hair accessories and large bows are not part of our uniform policy and are therefore not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.

Wombles

The Aylesbury Wombles are a volunteer litter picking group, playing their part in keeping Aylesbury tidy and protecting local wildlife. If you would like more information about this group or would like to volunteer your time you can find more information on the links below:

<https://www.neighbourly.com/project/5f0c4759c7ac891870ab7690/information>

<https://www.facebook.com/aylesburywombles>

Letters Sent Home

Arrangements for school re-opening (all classes)



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