

Guidance on School fully opening for September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can I offer a warm welcome to Stretton Handley and I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this time of uncertainty. Can I apologise for not being able to hold a formal welcome meeting but I am looking forward to working with you and your children and for you to get to know me as soon as possible.

As we approach the last few days of the school year, with many mixed emotions – we look back and consider the enormity and consequences of Covid-19 on the school community and turn the other way and look at further uncertainty moving forward towards September 2020.

All children (except new Reception) are expected to start back to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Following government guidelines there will be risk mitigation processes in place. At Stretton Handley CE School our plan, is very much to have all children back into school from September, and our Risk Assessment is in the process of being updated as led and advised by Derbyshire County Council.

Class structure and welcome back to school for September 2020

For the first two days of term Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of September the children in current year 2 will stay with Mrs Knight. Following these two days of well-being and welcoming all children back into school your child will move into their **new class** from Monday 7th September.

The class structure will be:

- Reception/Key Stage 1 with Mrs Knight and Miss Barrett
- Key Stage 2 with Mr Cooke and Mrs Mahadevan

Teachers and support staff may also operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable.

Your child will remain in their class group for the majority of the time but may at times also be mixing into wider groups for specialist teaching and for different areas of the curriculum as they do now.

Start and end of the school day

KS2 should arrive at 8.45am into Kingfisher class using the fire exit located alongside the main entrance on the front of building and be collected at 3.30pm from same spot.

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) will need to use the main entrance dropping off at 8.50am and collecting at 3.25pm.

New reception from Week 3 when they begin attending fulltime will also use the main entrance dropping off at 8.55am and collecting at 3.20pm.

As some of you may be collecting from more than one year group we ask that you collect the youngest child/children first and then the older siblings. Please try to maintain social distancing when dropping off or collecting children.

Morning 'drop-in'

Morning 'drop-in' will continue for those families that need it on a regular or occasional basis from 8.30 am and we are pleased to say this will now operate every day of the week. A charge of £1:00 per child per day will continue for parents using the 'drop-in' service. Children must be registered before they attend the first session. Registration forms for the autumn term will be available on request from the office in September. Children attending 'Drop-in' should be brought to the main entrance by one adult only, to be signed in.

Reception transition into school

Because we have been unable to offer our reception parents the usual transition into school we have decided to have a phased transition into school for these children. This will start week commencing 7th September followed by a full start to school week commencing 14th September. A separate letter has been sent to these parents.

Swimming

Swimming will not be taking place for any children in school as Derbyshire County Council are not operating swimming for schools at the moment. As soon as we have a confirmed start date we will inform you of this with details of how this will work.

Equipment for September

In order to further reduce the spread of any contamination we ask that children only bring into school their book bag and a named water bottle that will need to be taken home and washed thoroughly daily.

School Uniform/ PE kit

Children will be expected to wear school uniform on most days from September as we try to make school feel as normal as possible. PE sessions will now be on THURSDAYS. On a Thursday, children will be allowed to come to school in PE kit instead of uniform. The PE kit should be the usual school kit (black or navy shorts / red t-shirt) and track suit bottoms / jumper or jacket that is appropriate for the weather conditions and time of year. Please note, no watches or jewellery to be worn during PE.

Diary dates

The INSET days for the next school year have been set and will be on:

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 27th November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

I will contact you again with any further updates or information and more diary dates will follow in early September.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please email info@strettonhandley.derbyshire.sch.uk and these will be passed on to me.

Please take care, stay safe and have a fantastic summer break.

Kind Regards

Mr Flint