

5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Thankyou for giving us the space and time today to sort things out at our end, our plans are advanced and I can communicate with you today with certainty what will be happening in school and for those of you with home learning in the coming 6 weeks.

I must stress that, whilst this is a national lockdown, it is not quite the same as previously in the summer of 2020. We have learnt a lot of useful things from that prior experience which hopefully will make for a smoother and more consistent approach for both you and your children so please do take time, with a cuppa (and a biscuit!) to read the following carefully.

On the survey sent out on 4th January or by phone on 5th January, you have indicated that your child/ren would require a place in school as you are either key workers, have no safe care for your child at home during the day or have been offered a place by school for another reason. **We are therefore expecting to see them in school as of tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January 2021 unless we have agreed otherwise on the phone today.**

In order to offer the greatest consistency for us all, we will expect your child in school every day as per normal. We are not offering days based around shift patterns etc as this becomes patchy for your child's learning, difficult for teachers to manage in terms of planning and provision and we want this current lockdown to be so much more learning focused than just childcare, children have made brilliant progress since returning in September and we are so keen to keep this momentum up. It also offers the greatest consistency in safety with less bubble mixing.

School will run pretty much as normal for your child/ren;

- The day will still have the staggered starts as in place from Monday 4th January between 8.45am and 9am and will end at 3.15pm each day for all children.
- You will need to drop off and pick up from the same places you have been since September with the exception of Year 5 children who will come in through the hall door as they have been since September but be collected from the main gate on Old London Road at the end of the day.
- Breakfast club will be open from 7.45am and Shawn and Kelly will drop children to classes at 8.45am.
- Hot lunches will be available as per the normal menu with a meat, veggie and jacket potato option. Lunches will remain free for Years R, 1 & 2 and be charged at the normal rate for Years 3-6.
- If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, please send one in from home.
- On Mondays, all children will have an outdoor PE lesson so please send them to school in PE clothes (they don't need a second change of clothes on these days). This will help to limit the toing and froing of equipment from home.
- We are keeping the same class structure as currently with all teaching staff in so your child will keep their usual class teacher and support teacher.



- Bubbles will still be unique with separate playtimes and lunchtimes as we had been doing and had planned for this term anyway.
- Our focus will be on teaching and learning so please do expect homework as per usual via Google Classroom – your child’s class teacher will make sure that you know when to expect this.
- CHILDREN CAN WEAR NON-UNIFORM – this will hopefully ease any concerns about not being like their friends who are learning at home. We know that this matters to children.

The office team will be splitting their days so we won’t have 2 office staff in together at any one time. This will hopefully give us capacity in case one is off for any reason.

We hope that this answers any questions you may have. If I have missed anything, please do get in contact with me via email e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk - I won’t be picking up facebook or dojo messages as it’s too much to monitor at a time when there is a lot coming my way and I really don’t want to miss any communication from you!!

Thank you for your continued support. Another lockdown will I know have been received with differing degrees of relief and dread, we are working hard with you to ensure your children receive the best possible care and education possible.

Warm wishes,



Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

