



Newsletter no. 12

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone is safe and well.

Everyone's remarkable efforts to stay home to save lives and protect the NHS are now having a positive impact.

It was heartening to hear last week from the Prime Minister that we may be able to start to take some **careful steps** to modify our lockdown measures.

As you know, our school has remained open as a Hub for children of key workers and vulnerable children since the lockdown. Schools have now been asked to undertake risk assessments to consider whether they are able to safely invite more children to return to school next half term whilst still ensuring social distancing and introducing new safety measures for schools. We are now actively doing this. Bearing in mind, as stated by the UK Government and DFE *'that this will only happen if the rate of infection is decreasing and the tests set out by the Prime Minister are met.'*

I have enclosed a letter for parents from Steve Reddy, Director of Liverpool Children's Services which was published on our website last Friday stating Liverpool's recommended gradual, **phased approach to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all.**

Steve Reddy has also clarified the City's position through an address to the families of Liverpool which can be watched via this link. (This can also be watched on our school website.):

<https://twitter.com/lpoolcouncil/status/1261373931967127556?s=08>

As a school, we will be following the advice and guidance set out by the Government and our City to enable children when it is safe to do so to start to return to school. The safety and wellbeing of all will be at the heart of everything we will be doing over the next few weeks.

Please find attached the Government's strategy for infection prevention and control for your information that we are striving to implement.

Our next steps will be:

- The School Hub will **close** for half term break on **Friday, 22nd May**.
- School will reopen on **Monday, 1st June** for the children of key workers and vulnerable children who have **already been attending** our hub.
- Our school **will not be admitting** any other groups of children at this stage.

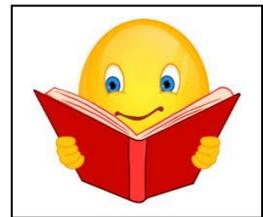
- **Risk assessments and preparation** for admitting more groups of children will be undertaken. The size and layout of the school building, availability of staff, availability of PPE and sanitiser and the local rates of infection will all be considered. (Please note that every school will be different due to their context.)
- **Week beginning 8th June** outcomes of risk assessments will be considered with support of LCC and Public Health and at this point we hope to let you know which groups of children we will then possibly be able to safely admit to school.

We will keep parents informed of our progress and will endeavour to make the changes to our school site that will enable more children to return to school whilst continuing to support the children's home learning. Thank you for your support and understanding.

If you have any questions please contact us at school by telephone.

Home Learning Packs

We hope the children enjoyed receiving their recent activity pack and learning about VE day. We are really pleased to send you the children's next learning pack which includes:



- Information and activities for each year group's new topic
- Basic skills activities
- A home diary including top tips, key spellings (these are the words children should be able to read, write and spell in each year group) and writing prompts
- Key websites that will enable the children to follow programmes of learning and interactive lessons on line

We would love to hear about the children's activities and experiences during this time of 'lockdown' so we have included a home diary for the children to keep and write in each day, draw pictures and include items of interest. On our return to school we would like the children to bring their diaries to school to share with us and there will be prizes for all for their great efforts.



Many of the home learning activities are designed to **consolidate learning**; encourage the children to find **new facts** and to be **inquisitive** about the world around them; and to promote **language and communication** through conversation and discussion at home.

Early Years

Don't forget in addition to our activity packs, for parents with children under 5 years old, the Department for Education (DfE)'s [Hungry Little Minds](https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/) campaign features tips and practical activities that you can do at home with children to support their early learning. <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

There are many simple ways to help your children learn and it does not have to feel like 'learning'. Having everyday conversations, make-believe play, and reading together, all make a big difference to your child's development at any age.

Keep in touch through:

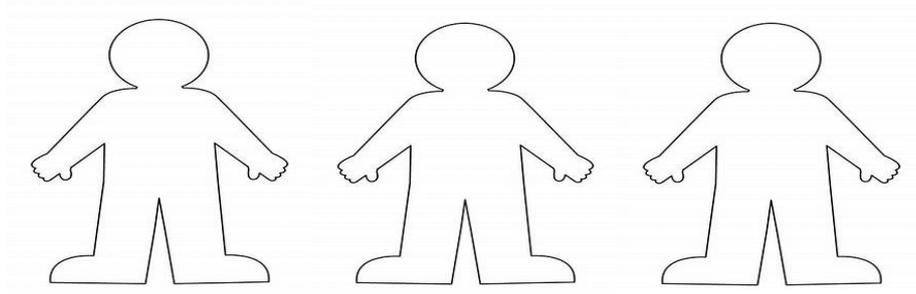
- the school website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk (look here for key information, important updates, newsletters and home learning information.)
- Twitter (daily updates from class teachers for every year group)**
- by telephone

** Class teachers from each year group provide learning activities **every day** for the children to follow – the majority of which are fun and action packed (consolidating learning and encouraging children to be inquisitive). These activities can be found by following each year group on Twitter – here are the Twitter links for each year group:

[@YNStocktonWood](https://twitter.com/YNStocktonWood), [@YRStocktonWood](https://twitter.com/YRStocktonWood), [@Y1StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y1StocktonWood), [@Y2StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y2StocktonWood), [@Y3StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y3StocktonWood), [@Y4StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y4StocktonWood), [@Y5StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y5StocktonWood), [@Y6StocktonWood](https://twitter.com/Y6StocktonWood)

You can also access our Twitter pages from our School Website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk by simply selecting your year group from the 'CHILDREN' tab on the home page. We love it when the children share their activities at home and discoveries with us via Twitter.

Let's join hands around our school!



Stockton Wood Primary School standing together with hope and happiness.

The children's pictures are fabulous. Please keep them coming!

Children, if you haven't had a chance to take part yet just draw a big picture - arms out wide - of yourself and post it in our letterbox at school when you are out walking with your family and we will display them around our school fence for all to see!

If you need help or support, families are welcome to call our school 0151 486 1778 and we will do our best to support and sign post families to services and organisations who can help.

Stay Alert, Still stay home when you can, Control the virus, Save lives!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S.E.Price

Head teacher

Stockton Wood Primary School

18.5.20

Summary

Follow our school Twitter pages: our class teachers tweet activities **every day**.

You can access our Twitter pages from our School Website www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk select your year group from the 'CHILDREN' tab on the home page.

Daily lessons for all @ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Maths: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Reading: <https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/page/librariesfromhome>

Stay safe online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>