



## Newsletter 14

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and dressed the Stockton Wood way! We are looking forward to a busy, fun filled term and lots of learning. (Do remember to dress the children warmly for school – trousers, tights, jumpers and coats are needed as we keep the school building well ventilated.)



### COVID Safe Arrangements

To ensure our school is a safe place to be and to reduce the risk of spreading the virus it is essential that children and families continue to follow our COVID Safe procedures.

A copy of our **COVID Safe Procedures** and our Covid-19 risk assessment can be found on our website. We regularly review our risk assessment as guidance from the government is updated. **Please take time to read our procedures and please follow them!**

All members of staff have been and continue to undertake testing twice a week. Please play your part too by following our procedures. For example, all adults must wear a mask on site or in the vicinity of our school. It is **important that our whole school community work together to protect each other.**

### Testing for everyone!

Now everyone in England will be able to access free, regular, rapid COVID-19 testing. **Please get tested** regularly so we can control the virus and reduce infection and keep our schools open.

**Please respect other people and comply with social distancing guidance.** Please walk your child to school to reduce congestion at the school gate and if a car is necessary park 200m away from the school site again to reduce congestion around the school site and maintain social distancing.

**Do not park in roads around the perimeter of the school.** Please show consideration to neighbours – do not park across drive ways or on kerbs.

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you and your children can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

It is important that outside of school we all follow the government guidance around Covid-19, so that we can control the virus. Remember households should not mix indoors unless within your support bubble – children should not visit each other's houses and mix with other families indoors!

**Do not bring your child into school with symptoms!** If you do keep your child off school due to Covid-19 symptoms please ensure that you **let us know** this when you register your child's absence. If your child is off school we will provide school work, so they can continue with their learning.

If your child presents with Covid-19 symptoms in school we will take your child to a safe area in school and contact you immediately to pick them up. **Please make sure that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111. **It is vitally important that anyone who presents with Covid-19 symptoms get tested as soon as possible.**

**We all have a role to play to control the virus and to enable our National roadmap to be rolled out fully. Take care and stay safe!**

## Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May - Polling Day

Our school has been chosen to be a Polling Station, normally when this happens our school remains open. This year following a COVID risk assessment we have decided that we will schedule a staff training day for that day and close the school to all children to ensure we reduce the risk of spreading the virus within our school community. **Children should not attend school on this day.** Thank you for your support.

## Mid-Year Parents' Evening – week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April

We shall again contact parents by telephone to discuss children's progress and next steps rather than face to face meetings. Class teachers will circulate dates and times to parents. Please note telephone calls will be scheduled for 10 minutes to ensure that teachers can contact all parents during the evening. Any matters that require further discussion can be followed up with an additional phone call that class teachers and parents can arrange together.

## HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Our flag flies at half mast in tribute to HRH Prince Philip's life of duty and service. 'He embodied a generation that we will never see again.' The children have paid their respects by observing a minute's silence in school and following the story of his life. Let us all remember and share our condolences with the Queen and her family at this time.



Yours sincerely,

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