



'Laying the Foundations for Life'

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

What a fabulous week! A wonderful start to the year. Ask the children about their new beginnings (SEAL) – the children have told us they now feel excited, happy and proud!

Here to help!

Please contact school by telephone if you wish to speak to a class teacher or member of staff – we are here to help! Thankyou for supporting school routines. We will keep in touch and let you know of any forthcoming changes.

COVID and crowding - please arrive at school as close to the children's start and finish times as possible to prevent crowding at entrances to the school site. Don't forget to maintain your social distance in crowded places! Stay safe!

Please read on for our annual update regarding our school's day to day arrangements and curriculum. Thank you for supporting the 'Stockton Wood' way!

Restorative Practice at Stockton Wood

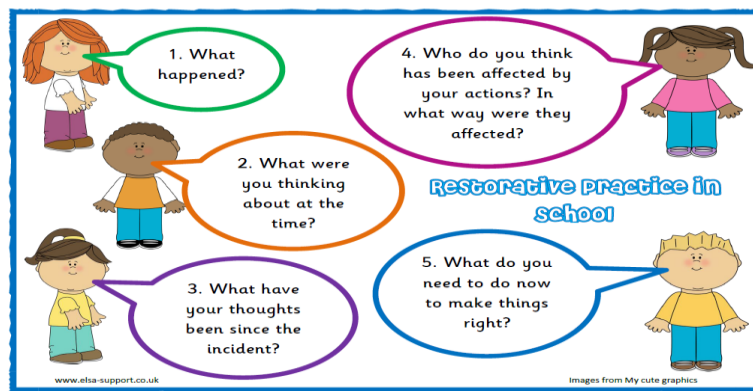
We learn to use restorative practice. Restorative Practice encourages everyone to take responsibility for their behaviour, it gives everyone the skills to manage conflict, strengthen relationships, develop empathy and emotional literacy.

Restorative practice helps to build relationships, manage any 'falling out' that might happen and then helps to fix and make things better.

The children have chosen our school Restorative Practice Values for our school community, they are:

- Friendship
- Love
- Kindness
- Fun
- Respect

We use our **Restorative Practice Questions** to manage and build relationships:



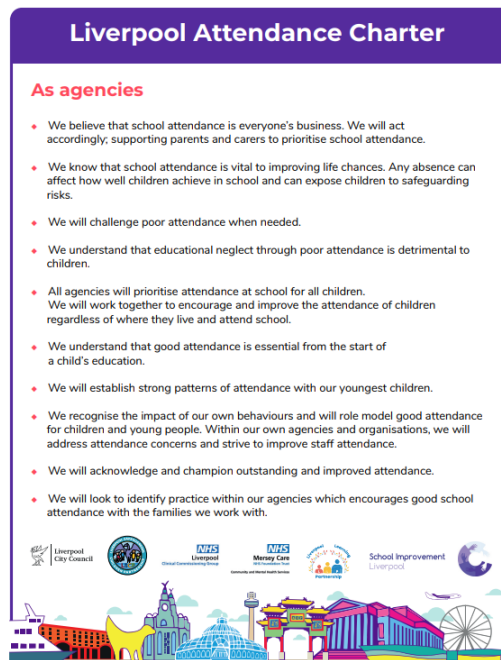
Older children are trained to be Peer Mentors and help the other children to use restorative practice.

We know that a whole-school restorative approach (children, parents and staff) can contribute to:

- Happier and safer school
- Mutually respectful relationships
- More effective teaching and learning
- Reduced exclusions
- Raised attendance
- Reduction in bullying behaviour
- Raised self-esteem
- A culture of inclusion and belonging

Attendance

It is essential that children attend school every day. Liverpool City Council, in partnership with Education, Health and Social Care Services, have produced a new Attendance Charter encouraging everyone to support children's attendance at school.



Our school has a fantastic attendance record reflecting the value that our parents place on their children's education. We are hopeful that this year there will be less disruption to school attendance as a result of COVID.

In line with National legislation, we must inform you that families should not take holidays during school terms.

Please refer to our school attendance policy on our website for more information.

Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please contact school by telephone on the first day of absence and let us know the reason for absence. Tel: 0151 486 1778

To help identify and monitor any cases of COVID 19, staff will ask a few questions when you ring to report any absence.

After morning registration, for safeguarding and wellbeing purposes, staff will contact families of any absent children who have not already informed school of their child's absence. Our school is also supported by the Educational Welfare Service who monitor and support attendance across the school. Our Educational Welfare Officer may contact families if attendance is a cause for concern or if families request advice and support.

What's happening @ Stockton Wood?

Creative Curriculum

Through our curriculum we want to 'Lay Foundations for Life' and ensure our children develop the skills they need for the future. We are continually developing our curriculum to make it relevant and enjoyable for the children and to provide opportunities that widen the children's horizons and develops their talents.

Look out for special 'topic' days, celebration days and information about the children's learning in school through the Parent Information Cards which are sent home and on our website: www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk. Some activities will be presented differently due to social distancing. Don't forget to follow your child's year group on Twitter.



The aim of this project is to equip children from an early age with the knowledge, skills, experiences and values to **manage money well now and in the future**.

As part of Lifesavers our school has partnered with Central Liverpool Credit Union to provide an **in-school savings club for pupils**. The savings club provides real life, hands-on money experiences for your children to help them develop into financially confident young people.

Look out for information about our Life Savers' activities and the LifeSavers savings club.



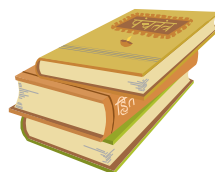
Music

We are so pleased to be able to continue to provide opportunities for children to learn to play a musical instrument and develop new talents! Children in Year 4 have the opportunity to learn to play **a flute or a clarinet** and those children in Year 5 and 6 who have shown a particular interest or talent will be offered the opportunity to receive lessons from Resonate – the Liverpool Music Service.



French!

At Stockton Wood the modern foreign language taught is French. We are proud that our school continues to be recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence' for the teaching of French!



Home School Reading

Please ensure children have returned their reading books from last year. All children require a book bag to carry their reading book and home work in. Plastic folders can be bought in school and cost 50p or a stronger book bag can be purchased for £2.50. Home reading will be managed in a safe way with books returned on set days and then sent home for reading on another set day. Look out for Year Group information setting out your child's home reading schedule.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart. Thank you to all those families who have ensured their children have returned to school wearing black school shoes. Do remember training shoes should only be worn for sporting activities.

Those children not wearing the correct footwear for school will be asked to change into black pumps whilst in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Children may bring a pair of training shoes to school for lunchtime play or outdoor sporting activities.

PE kit.

All children should wear a **plain white t- shirt, plain navy shorts or 'jogging pants' (not football shorts!) and black pumps for PE.** Currently, children may come to school wearing their PE kit and training shoes on the day their class has a PE lesson. They should continue to wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan for warmth over their PE kit not track suits. Families will be informed of the day your child has PE by the class teacher.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence again this year in Year 5 due to COVID impacting on swimming lessons in previous years. Arrangements will be circulated by class teachers.



Water

We do encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Please ensure that the children have written their **name on the bottle.**

The children **must not bring flavoured water** which is full of additives and when spilt leaves sticky patches on books, desks and carpets!



Milk and Fruit

Infants:

Milk is free to all infant children under 5 and those children entitled to free school meal. **Don't forget to apply for your free school meals as this ensures the children receive free milk as well!** All other infant children are required to pay each week for school milk (charged termly). Mrs. Stevens (administration officer) will send families a letter when payment is required each term.

Free fruit is provided for FS/KS1 (infant) children. Free fruit is not available in KS2 (Juniors.) Junior children may bring **fruit** to school for a healthy snack at break time.

School Meals

Our catering service is provided by Food for Thought. The children are provided with a range of healthy meals based on the National School Food Standards. <https://foodforthoughtschools.co.uk/> Check out their website for weekly menus and recipes!

All infant children are eligible for a free school meal. Parents entitled to benefit related free school meals should still claim their entitlement to receive other benefits such as free school milk. <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Packed lunches are discouraged due to COVID 19 but if brought they should be brought in a packed lunch box that can be wiped and washed. **(Please do not send bags/rucksacks – they are bulky and hard to store and clean - thank you.)**

Children who are not entitled to free school meals are charged **£2** for a school meal.

Parents of Year 3 children – please check that you are receiving your entitlement to free school meals. Check your entitlement to free school meals by using this link: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

All children of infant age are provided with a free school meal so it is important that when children move from infants to juniors that parents check their entitlements/benefits – parents may find that they are entitled to free school meals in ‘the juniors’ as well!

Health and Safety - general

- Please follow our COVID Safe procedures set out in previous letters.
- Please use the pedestrian entrances. **Please do not enter or leave school via the car park.**
- We must ask parents with cars not to park in the school car park.
- **Please park away from the school and do not park on pavements around the school to maintain social distancing and to avoid placing children at danger from crossing roads between parked cars! Keep our children safe.**
- Please do not bring dogs onto the school site.
- Our school is a smoke and vaping free zone. Please extinguish cigarettes before stepping into the school grounds. Please do not smoke or use electronic cigarettes within the school grounds or around the entrances to school.
- Please ensure all litter is placed in the bins provided. Help us to keep our school clean and tidy.



Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones to school to safeguard the children, avoid loss and to ensure social networking activities do not impact negatively upon the life of the school. Mobile phones will be confiscated if found in school. [We wish Stockton Wood Primary School to be a happy, safe place.](#)

Safeguarding – important information regarding ‘keeping children safe’

We are committed to keeping children safe. We provide a safe environment in school for the children and promote good behaviour. The curriculum includes materials and activities designed to help children to develop self confidence, healthy attitudes and personal safety so they can keep themselves safe.

Please note and read the following information carefully:

Our school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, develop self-confidence and positive and healthy relationships and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.

All staff have received ‘Child Protection’ training. The Designated Safeguarding Officer is Mrs. Price (Head teacher) and Mrs Clovis, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Ikuta deputise in her absence. The Safeguarding Governors are Mr. Finch (Chair of Governors) and Ms. Paulson (Parent Governor)

Our school has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children’s services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school can in certain circumstances share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by Children’s Services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst

they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Key Staff

- Head teacher: Mrs. Price
- Deputy Head teacher: Mrs. Clovis
- Foundation Stage Manager: Mrs. Ikuta
- Key Stage One Manager: Mrs. Bradley
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) Miss. Jones co-ordinates identification and provision for Special Educational Needs and Disability.
- Inclusion Officer and Learning Mentor Mrs. Smith promotes attendance, pupil wellbeing and reduces barriers to learning.

Pupil Information

We have recently sent forms home requesting information, permissions and agreements from families to support day to day activities at school. Please return as soon as possible.

Our school website contains information about COVID Safe arrangements, the school's curriculum and activities. Day to day events are also shared on Twitter!

www.stocktonwoodprimary.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you need any other information please contact school.

Thank you for your support which helps to make our school a happy, safe place to be where children can thrive and achieve.

Yours sincerely,
S.E.Price
Head teacher

OFSTED '...behaviour and safety of the children is outstanding, characterised by exemplary conduct around the school and attentive listening.



'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'.

At Stockton Wood we are **safe, responsible and positive** when using the internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe>