

'Nurture Inspire Discover Create'



Stathern Primary School
Newsletter
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Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our July newsletter.

I would like to start by thanking all members of the community for their help, hard-work and support in improving the lives of all of the young people who have been at of Stathern Primary School over the last 5 years. I really feel that together we have made a positive difference to both their own future and the world they contribute to. I am extremely proud of what the team at Stathern has managed to achieve and the group of people I leave behind, really are an exceptional group of people who work so incredibly hard to make primary education a very special experience.

I would like to wish Karen Lambert the very best as she takes over; our hand over work has been thorough and extensive to enable her to continue to improve upon what is an already fabulous school. And this is because of the wonderful pupils, supported by parents, who make the experience so rich and rewarding. I will miss you all dearly and wish you all the very best in the future. It my aim to return briefly at a suitable time or event to say a proper goodbye in person! I would like to thank all the children for being so brilliant and making my time at Stathern so special, I know they will all go on to 'Nurture, Inspire, Discover and Create' as they have done so during the amazing experiences we have shared. Good luck to every single one of them and thank you to all parents and carers!

Further details of school re-opening can be found on the next page of this newsletter. These initial points on what school might look like are of course subject to change and will be elaborated upon by Mrs Lambert in the week commencing August 17th. Crucially, it is a plan for all children to return to school, something which we have all been eagerly waiting for. Reports for all children will be posted to you at the end of this week. I hope that you and your children remain safe over the summer and that we are all in a position to embrace these plans in the new academic year. *Mr Lee*

Maintaining Communication With Us Via Email:

Safe Guarding/General Enquiry Email: theoffice@stathern.leics.sch.uk

Note: Please title any safe-guarding related e-mails 'safeguarding' and they will be handled by a trained DSL (Designated Safe-guarding Lead)

Re-Opening Overview

Final plans will be communicated in the week commencing 17th August. Based on recently released government guidance, all children will be expected to return to school unless medical evidence is obtained to say otherwise. The reopening of school is likely to include:

- All children to start back 26th August
- Two Bubbles* – R,1,2 and 3,4,5,6
- Operating as classes most of the time
- Children to social distance where possible
- Lunches and Breaks in separate bubbles
- Staggered toilet use
- Enhanced cleaning schedule
- 8:50-3:05 Yr 3,4 – front, 5,6 – back entrance
- 9:00-3:15 Yr 1,2 – front, R – back entrance
- B/A Club open with bubbles separated
- No assemblies or large gatherings
- Staff will be allowed to move across groups
- Regular handwashing
- Limited visitors by appointment only
- Home Learning where bubbles close
- Curriculum catch up planned
- Well-being focus
- A focus on outdoor learning

*A bubble is defined as a group of children who work or play together. Wherever possible this will be in a socially distanced manner. Bubbles of children minimise contact with other bubbles.

New Starters

We will be offering the following transitions arrangements for new starters on August 26th 2020:

Group A - Wed 26th am/Thurs 27th pm

Group B - Wed 26th pm/Thurs 27th am

These visits will not include lunch. Children will start full-time from Friday 28th August.

Your child's group will be e-mailed to you.

Please visit the school website where you will find full details on transition and returning to school. Further details will follow in the week beginning 17th August.

Fond Memories!

We would like to wish our Year 6 children all the best at their new schools – what a fabulous group they have been!

Sadly, we won't be able to invite parents in this Friday but we will be saying a special goodbye in school and sending the children in Year 6 home with a selection of videos made in school for you to enjoy (please only keep these for personal use and do not post on social media).



School Meals

The price of school meals will be £2.35 next term for those children in KS2. There will be a limited menu for the first 2 weeks, please look out for this on the school website.

Wow! What a year for us all, I am absolutely delighted to be starting in August as your new Headteacher and want to wish Mr Lee my heartfelt thanks for the fantastic transition meetings we have been holding ready for my arrival. I also want to thank him for everything that he has done at Stathern, as I join this wonderful school, with its amazing pupils, caring and strong teaching team and a supportive governing body. I have enjoyed meeting many of you already and look forward to meeting the rest of the school family as we return in August.

I will be communicating with you all regularly over the summer, because of the nature of the World pandemic, the Autumn term won't quite be as usual, and we face a new 'normal'. I thank you in anticipation, for your patience, as whole-school government guidance came out last week and we are due to have further updates throughout the summer. I have discussed with staff initial thoughts on opening, and depending on the guidance updates I will provide you with full and clear details as soon as is possible.

I want to stress to you that the safety and well-being of your children and the staff will inform any decisions I make and will be at the centre of all of my thinking. I acknowledge that children and staff will have had different experiences throughout this time. However, the common thread running through all of this is the loss of routine, structure, friendship, opportunity and freedom. These losses can trigger anxiety in children. Please feel free to share with me any worries or information that you would like to, regarding your 'Lockdown' experience, I'm very much here to listen. Our curriculum in the autumn will reflect these experiences and we will be offering support to children and families. We know that school is a safe place for children and teachers can provide academic and emotional support to recover from this long period off. We will ensure the children are supported back into school routines and we look forward to all the children returning in August.

It goes without saying, I wish you all a safe and restful summer break. Please look out for emails and messages ,

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Lambert'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'K' and a stylized 'L'.

Mrs Karen Lambert