

Dear parents and carers,

November Lockdown - Important Information

As you are acutely aware we have now entered a second national lockdown. The impact on schools has been less so than on your work lives I am sure. We are so pleased to continue to welcome the children to school every day, with heightened cleaning protocols on equipment and for the children. We are still working in separate bubbles and spend most of our time in class bubbles, following strict protocols to work facing forward and at a distance where possible, in classes 2,3 and 4. EYFS children are still able to work in small groups for small amounts of time. We are enjoying some lessons outdoors, and have remained focused on the National Curriculum, whilst fully centring on the children's wellbeing we are all enjoying a wonderfully rich and varied curriculum, which I am hoping you hear about. We are thrilled to have new Interactive whiteboard screens in every classroom to enhance learning and make life in the classroom that bit more vivid and our topics have certainly come to life! Whilst all remains safe and secure inside school, we are very aware of the impact of the lockdown outside of school. Can I reiterate a number of points, for the safety of all in our school community:

- ❖ Drop off and pick up time must be adhered to, and can we encourage a 'speedy' exit from around the school site.
- ❖ Children and families must not mix outside of the school site, in line with guidance.
- ❖ Face coverings to be worn, at drop off and pick up times.
- ❖ Families, in line with new lockdown rules, must not congregate, unless you are meeting a single person or meeting a support bubble.
- ❖ If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, please arrange for a test and self-isolate for 14 days.
- ❖ If your child receives a positive test, please inform the school immediately by 'phone Monday – Friday or email between Friday evening – Monday morning. Please use headteacher@stathern.leics.sch.uk
- ❖ Children do not need to wear face coverings.
- ❖ All visits and visitors to school should be restricted.
- ❖ Clinically extremely vulnerable staff and children are not to attend school, upon advice from their GP.
- ❖ Clinically vulnerable staff and children may continue to attend school.
- ❖ Before and After school club can remain open.
- ❖ Music, dance and drama can still be undertaken.
- ❖ PE lessons can continue as part of the weekly curriculum.

For details of the full guidance please use the following link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Whilst most things remain unaffected there are a number of changes, which will begin on Monday, the 9th November until further notice:

Sports Clubs

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the after school clubs with Mr Rozentals are cancelled.

Before and After School Club

Due to staffing issues, the BAASC will now be reducing hours from 8:00-9:05 am and 3:05 – 5:00pm.

Celebration Afternoons

We have seen a wonderful idea from other schools in the Leicestershire area and we think it is something really special that we are going to introduce here at Stathern. As a result of the current Covid restrictions, many children, including my own, are missing out on celebrating their birthdays with family and friends as they usually would. We understand our children have already had so many changes and have had to adapt to new rules and regulations at home and at school, and their emotional wellbeing has always been and will always be our priority. Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends! We have decided that we will hold a 'Celebration party' in each class each half term, this will be to celebrate all the children who have a birthday that half term. All children will have their packed lunch or school meal as normal. During the afternoon school will provide fun games, activities, drinks, snacks & treats and a party atmosphere. There will also be a little cake for the birthday children in each class. All of the party cost will be covered by school. Children must still come in school uniform, with the exception of the birthday children, they may come in party clothes/clothes of their own choice. Should the birthday children wish to, they may bring in small bags of wrapped sweets, to give to their friends. Please contact me for details and discussion around this celebration afternoon.

Our first Celebration party will be held on Friday, 20th November for birthdays that were in September and October.

Our November and December Celebration party will be held on Friday December 11th.

Remembrance Day – 11th November 2020

We usually look forward to a wonderful service and celebration of remembrance, but again, things are a little different this year. My assembly themes are Remembrance, and the Year 6 children will be reading poems to the rest of the school in my mini-assemblies. We will be congregating outside, in our bubbles, to observe a minute's silence and Mrs Dee has kindly written a call and response song, which we will sing after playing the Last Post. Every class has created some beautiful versions of poppies, from 'pebble poppies' to 'hanging poppies' and 'poppy art'. We have tried to put them around the school windows for you to see as you pass by.

Children in Need Day – 13th November 2020

We plan to go ahead with a Children in Need themed day next Friday. Children are invited into school in non-uniform/ Pudsey themed clothes and items in exchange for a £1 minimum donation, which we will forward to the Children in Need 2020 charity.

Please do contact me if you have any worries or questions.

Thank you, as ever, for your support and understanding.

Take care and stay safe,



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