

Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I am able to say again - welcome back!

It has been a very difficult term since returning after Christmas - for you all. Some children were in school and most were learning remotely at home. I am full of admiration for you all and your gallant efforts in supporting your children during this lockdown. You are amazing, thank you.

Our school staff have waited so long to be able to welcome back our children and their families. We are incredibly excited and can't wait for **Monday 8th March**. We have missed the children being all together as one class - so much.

I can assure you that the school is ready to open up again to all our pupils. Our cleaning regime is robust and our classrooms will be ready to welcome children back to school.

Government guidance states that it is the law for all children to return to school next Monday.

'Local authorities and schools have a range of legal powers to enforce attendance if a child or young person misses school without a valid reason.'

Please feel reassured that we have done everything we can to make being at Stockwell Academy, as safe as it can be. As the year has progressed the nation has been in the grip of strict and rigorous rules and routines, and we believe that our Risk Assessment is robust. It is updated weekly and has been reviewed for the Monday 8th March wider reopening.

Our 'Rules and Regulations' have remained the same as they were, before we finished for Christmas.

HANDS -----FACE ----SPACE

Last term I asked that, if you were medically able, you wore face coverings / masks upon entering the school site, as you drop off and collect your children. It is a very important regulation that staff stick to within the building when moving through the school. I appreciate your efforts in supporting this request. It is another way of trying to minimise the spread of Covid 19 within our community and follows government guidelines during these days of national restrictions.

As we return to school, please remember the national guidance that should be observed whilst on the school site, in order to keep protecting each other.

Hands – be really conscious about remembering to keep hands clean

Face - wear a mask when on the site.

Space – please keep 2 metres away from other parent / carers.

It is really appreciated the way parents come onto the school site and observe the 2- metre rule. Can I also remind you of our request that only one adult brings their child into school, where possible. This minimises the number of people entering the school site.

The Hands, Face, Space rules are there to keep us all safe.

Can you please come into school at the same time and place as you did before Christmas. In that respect it is business as usual, including the earlier Friday finishes. Dinner times will stay the same too. Tracey in the kitchen will be providing hot-meals for those that order one. If you prefer, your child can bring a packed lunch.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time Monday to Thursday	Finish Time Friday
Foundation Stage 1	8.30am	3.15pm	1.30pm
Foundation Stage 2	8.40am	3.00pm	1.20pm
Year 1	8.50am	2.50pm	1.20pm
Year 2	9.00am	3.00pm	1.30pm
Year 3	9.00am	3.00pm	1.30pm
Year 4	8.50am	2.50pm	1.20pm
Year 5	8.40am	2.40pm	1.10pm
Year 6	8.30am	2.30pm	1.00pm

The latest government guidance for parents 'What parents and carers need to know about schools'...is now on our website.



Last term we were really successful at keeping our staff and children safe.

Our strict risk assessment supports our attempts to keep everybody safe. With that in mind I would prefer that children came into school in their school uniform as I believe it helps with giving them the impression that things are as normal as we can make them.

We will be placing a great emphasis on the mental health and well-being of our children as learning and lessons resume as normal.

We really appreciate your support with keeping our community safe and look forward to seeing you and seeing your children back in school.

I look forward to next Monday and seeing everyone's jolly smiling faces - yet again - I can't wait!

Mr C J Coulter