

Stoneydelph Primary School

Crowden Road Wilnecote Tamworth B77 4LS

16th July 2020

Dear Parents

Please see below the detailed schedule of where and when your children will arrive in September from **Thursday 3rd September**. Our plans and risk assessments for the school to fully reopen have all been agreed now by the CEO of our academy trust. School attendance will return to being compulsory from September for all pupils.

Holidays and extended absence will return to incurring penalty fines. We understand that for some, this may be an anxious time and would suggest that you email the school office as early in the term as possible if you have concerns so that the school can support you with your child's return.

We will be organising the school into 'phase bubbles' (Daycare/Nursery; Reception classes; Year 1/2; Year 3/4; Year 5/6). Our plans will keep staff and pupils within those phase groups and minimise the opportunity for children and staff to cross over. Where staff do need to teach in an alternative bubble, additional measures are in place to minimise contact between the staff member and the pupils.

I'm sorry that it appears so complicated, as I'm sure you can imagine, arranging the logistics of this is complicated.

During this period from 1st June, where we extended opening to include Daycare, Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers, the most complicated part of the day – pupil arrival and leaving – has worked particularly well as parents have been on time to drop off and collect their children. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with this to make these parts of the day so successful this term. We will need everyone's support with prompt time keeping moving forward to September as well.

If you do arrive late, you will need to come to the Crowden Road pedestrian gate (next to the vehicle gate) and either phone the school office or use the intercom system there to alert a member office staff to come to collect your child. Please try to avoid being late as the school office is very busy in the morning. The same system will need to happen if you need to collect or return your child from a medical appointment or if you are late collecting your child at the end of the school day. Can we remind you that appointments, wherever possible, should be booked outside the school day.

Please try to arrive on time, not early or late, and please leave as soon as your child has gone in the school gate, to support social distancing. We will be contacting by phone on 1st / 2nd September any families that have children arriving / leaving from multiple gates to arrange a personalised arrival / departure time – we realise that you can't be both sides of the school at once!!

As parents will continue to not be allowed on the school site I am afraid, any communication will need to be by phone or email to the school office, which will then be shared with the class teacher. Please ensure children do not forget lunch bags and water bottles in the morning. Staff will not be available to talk to individual parents at the school gate. Please email the school office with any messages for staff: office@stoneydelph.staffs.sch.uk Class Dojo is being extended across the school but some staff need training on this first and there will be strict guidance on how, why and when this can be used. More details to follow about this in September.

Pupil arrival and departure:

Year 3 / 4 pupils 8.40 to 8.45am arrive at KS2 Fossdale gate or Crowden Road pedestrian gate by vehicle gate. Pupils are directed to line up in classes on Year 3/4 playground with their class teacher. Class teachers take pupils inside – pupils use hand sanitiser station before going into the classroom through the Y3/4 classroom fire exit doors. Pupils leave from the same gate as entered by at 3.15pm.

Year 5 / 6 pupils 8.50 to 8.55am arrive at KS2 Fossdale gate or Crowden Road pedestrian gate by vehicle gate. Pupils are directed to line up in classes on Year 5/6 playground with their class teacher. Class teachers take pupils inside – pupils use hand sanitiser station before going into the classroom through the Y5/6 classroom fire exit doors and KS2 bottom of the steps door. Pupils leave from the same gate as they arrived at 3.20pm.

Year 1 / 2 pupils 8.40 to 8.50am arrive at KS1 Fossdale gate or Crowden Road pedestrian gate. Pupils directed to line up by their teacher on the KS1 playground. Pupils entering from Crowden Road supported to walk round to playground by TAs. Class teachers take pupils inside through Year 1 / 2 fire doors – pupils use hand sanitiser before entry. Pupils leave from the same gate as entry at 3.05pm.

A separate letter will detail the arrival and departure of pupils in Reception, Nursery and Daycare pupils.

Snacktime and dinner

Key Stage 1 children will still have fruit supplied through the National Fruit Scheme at playtime. Key Stage 2 children will no longer have access to toast or a drink from the kitchen at playtime. We recommend that they bring a healthy snack and drink from home. School dinners will be available. We will be operating a rota system that means the children will be able to remain in their phase bubbles to eat. The menu will be posted on the school website as soon as it is available. The kitchen will return to offering a full menu (hot meal / vegetarian hot option / filled jacket potato / packed lunch). Children will not have free access to the salad / bread bar but can request these items as they are being served. KS1 children will continue to be entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. In all year groups, if children wish to bring their own packed lunch this need to be in a lunchbox not a bag.

What can your child bring to school?

Children will need to resume wearing full school uniform with the logoed sweatshirt or cardigan. They will need their PE kit – including a plain blue or black track-suit and a change of trainers as all PE lessons in the Autumn Term will be outside. The kit will need to be in a PE bag that can be hung up in the cloakroom and will stay in school for the half term, only coming home for a wash at the half term holiday. There will be no swimming for Year 5 / 6 in the Autumn Term – school will keep you informed regarding this. Children are not to bring in pencil cases or other items from home so they will not require a backpack/school bag. Homework will be set using Dojo and will include direction to Epic, MyMaths and TT Rock Stars amongst other things. Reading books from school will be able to move between home and school and we would suggest your child using a book bag rather than a backpack for this please. Children will need to bring in a labelled water bottle which can be refilled during the day. Only Year 6 pupils that walk to and from school on their own may bring a mobile phone to school. The Year 5 /6 TA will collect these in and take them to the medical room for storage and return them at the end of school.

Clubs and after school activities

Breakfast and After-school club will resume although there have been changes to how and where these will run – please see the separate letter for details. Details of sports clubs and choir will be sent out in September. They will run on a 'phase bubble' basis. I'm sure that everyone will be pleased to get back to a new normal in September!

With kindest regards

Jenny Wallbank

Headteacher (until 31st Aug!)