



Stoneydelph Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our second national lockdown, you will be aware of the rapid increase of positive Covid 19 cases in adults and children in our local community. As a result of this we have been updating our risk assessment this week to reflect the government guidance and the national picture. Once this is finalised and agreed with Community Academies Trust directors I will let parents know and it will be on the school website. www.stoneydelph.staffs.sch.uk Our intention is to have this in place by Monday 9th November.

In order to prevent the spread of all viruses, we are maintaining our rigorous cleaning and hygiene procedures. One additional step we are taking is that staff and parents have been asked to wear face coverings when collecting and dropping off pupils at the school gates, as social distancing between adults is not always possible in this situation. We are also considering other ways to minimise the risk and I will update you on those once the risk assessment is finalised. I want to thank everyone in the school community for supporting these measures and helping us to do everything we can to keep Stoneydelph open and minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

Unfortunately the virus is on the rise and this is coinciding with the winter cold and flu season, which always sees an increase in the number of school pupils falling ill with the usual runny noses, sore throats and coughs. This is a huge challenge for us all as we want to ensure we follow Government guidance regarding testing but also balancing the need for pupils to still attend school if they are experiencing common 'cold' symptoms.

If your child has minor cold symptoms (runny nose, sneezing, sore throat) they may still attend school if they are well enough. If they have a **persistent cough, loss of taste or smell and high temperature**, they must self-isolate (along with any siblings) until they have been tested for Covid-19 and may return to school when they have had a negative test result if they are well enough. If you are unsure if your child should be attending school, our main office is open from 8am-4pm for any queries.

More details can be found on the school website in our 'Return to school plan'. In the event of a positive case of Covid-19 within our school, we will follow advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England and parents and carers will be informed accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support and kind words during these challenging times for us all. The staff are working tirelessly to keep everyone safe and I want to pass on my thanks to them all. I am confident that by maintaining these systems we can continue to provide a fantastic education for your children during lockdown and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E. Parsons