



## STOKE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### COVID Update March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We are really pleased to be welcoming all the children back to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

As has been the case since the start of this pandemic, we are continuing to be led by advice from the Local Authority and the government. Our top priority is to educate your children whilst focusing on their safety and the safety of our wider school community. As guidance changes, we will respond accordingly and keep you updated at all times.

**Symptoms and Testing:** Anybody with COVID symptoms must isolate and go and get a PCR test as soon as possible.

#### Main symptoms

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

#### What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result. A test can be accessed from the [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or calling NHS 119.

**It is very important that you let us know ASAP if a member of your household has tested positive for COVID.**

If your child has develops Covid symptoms whilst in school, we will contact you and ask you to take them for a test. If someone in your child's bubble tests positive, we may need to send your child home to isolate. If this happens, they will receive remote learning for the length of the isolation and will be required to fully take part in this.

**Please do not send your child into school if anyone in your household is waiting for a test result.**

Lateral flow tests are available to those anyone in your household who does not have any Covid Symptoms. Tests can be collected from sites across Coventry: see <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html> for details; or ordered on line through: [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

**One way system to enter and exit school:** We will be continuing to operate a one way system for entering and exiting the school site. Children and adults will enter through the Family Centre entrance and exit from the pedestrian gate by the main office. Please wear a facemask at all times on the school site (unless you have a medical exemption) and maintain social distancing at all times. Please keep your children with you as you walk across the playground. Children are not expected to wear facemasks.

Years 5 and 6. - We are asking that Year 6 continue to bring themselves onto site and leave site on their own. If parents/carers are dropping/collecting we ask that you drop/collect over by the park or across the road and encourage your children to cross and enter school with the crossing patrol. If your child is in Year 5 and you wish them to do the same, please let us know. Please do not wait at the exit gate to collect your children as this causes an obstruction for those exiting the school site.

**Staggered start and end to the day:**

	Arrival	Collection
<b>EYFS</b>		
Seedlings am	8:20 – 8:30	11:20 – 11:30
Seedlings pm	12:10 – 12:20	3:10 – 3:20
Nursery am (NA)	8:30 – 8:40	11:30 – 11:40
Nursery pm (NB)	12:15 – 12:25	3:15 – 3:25
RA	8:35 – 8:45	3:00 – 3:10
RB	8:35 – 8:45	3:05 – 3:15
<b>Years 1-5</b>		
Surnames starting A-D	8:25 – 8:45	3:00
Surnames starting E-H	8: 25 – 8:45	3:05
Surnames starting I-L	8:25 – 8:45	3:10
Surnames starting M-P	8:25 – 8:45	3:15
Surnames starting Q-Z	8:25 – 8:45	3:20
<b>Year 6 (Year 5 leaving alone)</b>	8:25 – 8:45	Released 2:55

**Please keep to these times: particularly the collection times. The playground can become very crowded if everyone arrives for 3pm and this impact on your safety and that of your children.**

**Lunchtime:** If you currently pay for school dinners this will need to resume from 8<sup>th</sup> March. If your child currently has a lunchbox, then they are fine to bring this in with them.

**Equipment:** Children can bring their book bags and homework into school as needed. Children should also bring in a full water bottle each day. Reading books will usually be provided through Bug Club.

**Willows:** Willows will open again from 8<sup>th</sup> March. This can be booked through SchoolComms. If you are able to book as far in advance as possible, we would appreciate it to make sure we are COVID compliant.

**Devices:** From the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we are returning to in school teaching so further learning will not be available on Seesaw unless your child needs to isolate. If your child was given a device to use for home learning during lockdown, please return it to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The devices will be collected in through the classrooms and will then be quarantined. We will then check all the devices within two weeks and send you confirmation of this within two weeks.

**PE kit and school uniform:** We are asking that children continue wearing their PE kit to school on days when they have PE lessons. Your child’s teacher will let you know which days this will be. Children should wear their school uniform on all other days.

**Communication:** Please only come to the hatch at the main office if your query is urgent. Wherever possible, please phone the school on 02476 454741, send a message through Studybugs or email [admin@stokeheath.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stokeheath.coventry.sch.uk) and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

**Attendance:** From the 8<sup>th</sup> March, school attendance is compulsory and all children should attend everyday unless they are isolating or too unwell. If your child will not be attending on a particular day, please contact us with the details as soon as possible using the usual channels.

Please note: home learning will only be provided for children if they are isolating in accordance with national guidance and it will look different to the current provision.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with us, please get in touch.

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