

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Stanground Family,

We are delighted to welcome all our families back to school - and extend a very special welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are joining the Stanground St John's community for the first time. It's been a joy to see the children settling in so well, exploring their new environment with curiosity and confidence.

As we begin the new academic year, we are already seeing children across the school rising to our high expectations—showing kindness, respect, and a real enthusiasm for learning. We are incredibly proud of how quickly they have adapted to their new classes and routines.

Establishing good routines at home and at school is key to helping children feel secure and ready to learn. A consistent bedtime, a healthy breakfast, and arriving at school on time all make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child start each day positively.

Our Vision:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34)

Have a restful weekend.

Regards,
Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

School Football Team

A huge well done and congratulations to our school football team who played their first match this week! The team showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the game. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school—playing with enthusiasm and rising to the challenge with confidence. This is just the beginning, and we're excited to see how they continue to grow and develop over the season. Keep it up, team!



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SEND Update

Ms Steels is a part-time SENDCO, working two days a week. As such, she may not be able to respond to queries immediately. For any classroom-related issues, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Pupil Leadership

We are incredibly proud to announce our new Head Girls, Delia and Maisie, and Deputy Head Girls, Layla and Isla. These pupils have already shown exceptional leadership, responsibility, and a commitment to our school values. Their positive attitude and willingness to serve as role models are truly inspiring.

At Stanground St John's, we encourage all our pupils to be the best they can be—in their learning, their friendships, and their contributions to school life. Delia, Maisie, Layla, and Isla embody this message beautifully, and we look forward to seeing them flourish in their new roles.



Well done, girls—we are proud of you!

Attendance Update

Regular attendance in primary school is essential as it ensures consistent learning, helps children build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, and supports their social and emotional development. It encourages good habits like responsibility and discipline, while also allowing teachers to monitor progress and provide timely support. Frequent attendance also fosters stronger connections between families and schools, reinforcing the value of education from an early age.

Year to date	
Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	93.5%
TOTAL	94.9%

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	
Year 1	2.0%
Year 2	0.3%
Year 3	0.0%
Year 4	0.3%
Year 5	1.0%
Year 6	0.0%
TOTAL	0.5%

Week to date	
Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.3%
TOTAL	96.5%

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	
Year 1	2.1%
Year 2	1.1%
Year 3	0.0%
Year 4	0.0%
Year 5	1.8%
Year 6	0.0%
TOTAL	0.8%

Well done Year 1! Top effort.



**National
Online
Safety**

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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**Which apps/games are you
using at the moment?**

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

**Which websites do you
enjoy using and why?**

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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**How does this game/app work?
Can I play?**

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

**Do you have any
online friends?**

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

**Do you know what your
personal information is?**

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.