

## STOKESLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

5 Springfield  
Stokesley  
North Yorkshire  
TS9 5EW

Telephone: 01642 711071

Email: [s.mcfarlane@stokesleypa.org.uk](mailto:s.mcfarlane@stokesleypa.org.uk)



10 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming towards the end of an academic year that none of us could have predicted. Thank you all for your positive acknowledgement of how we have dealt with the ever changing circumstances of the Covid-19 period. As we hear consistently, the virus is not over and as a result there will be a number of organisational changes to school when we start back on 8<sup>th</sup> September. I will outline some of the key elements in this letter, but must reiterate that the ever changing DfE guidelines may mean that things change again over the course of the next eight weeks.

Firstly, the class teachers for September are:

- Early years – Mrs Graham & Miss McCormick
- Reception – Mrs Orr
- Year 1 – Mrs Challenger
- Year 2 – Mrs Smith & Mrs Speight
- Year 3 – Miss Stockdale
- Year 4 – Miss Elliott
- Year 5 – Miss Peverell
- Year 6 – Miss Holden, Mrs Shea & Miss McCormick

Mrs Routledge begins her maternity leave in September and Mrs Garthwaite is leaving us after 16 years to pursue her career elsewhere. She leaves with all our gratitude and best wishes for her new challenge.

### September Restart

The key points around our September return are as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> September – Training day
- 8<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils return to school

### Start Times

- Early Years – 8.30am
- Year 1 & 2 – 8.45am (Year 1 to enter at gate next to main school entrance / Year 2 enter at gate near crossing)
- Year 3 & 5 – 8.55am (Year 3 through gate near crossing / Year 5 through gate near Early Years)
- Year 4 & 6 – 9.05am (Year 4 through gate near crossing / Year 6 through gate near Early Years)

Staff will be outside school to meet children at gates. Parents will not have access to the school site.

## End of Day

As with start times there are minor alterations to the end of day.

- Early Years – 3pm
- Year 1 & 2 – 3.10pm (Year 1 parents wait on path by Kids Club / Year 2 parents in layby)
- Year 3 & 5 – 3.15pm (Year 3 parents wait in layby / Year 5 path by office windows)
- Year 4 & 6 – 3.20pm (Year 4 parents wait in layby / Year 6 path by office windows)

\*\* Please note – access to school is only via the front entrance, the gate at the back of school will remain locked.

We appreciate that this may appear to be complicated however, these measures are necessary to work within the Government guidelines. We will have to work within the strict timings and ask that you respect these and the social distancing measures that are in place.

## Lunchtimes

In order for us to ensure time for all pupils to be fed at lunchtime in a socially distanced space we have also rescheduled our lunchtime provision. Each child will have their own set place, which will be cleaned as they depart. To facilitate this we will be offering a restricted menu in September. This will be a main meal alongside a cold meal option. Specific dietary needs will still be catered for. Meals will be delivered to children's set seat. Packed lunches from home are an option. We ask that you minimise packaging, provide a balanced meal and ask your children to take any waste or packaging home in their lunch box.

## School Uniform

We ask that you return to the uniform expectations as normal. It is more important than ever that pupils return in September under an atmosphere of focus and readiness to learn.

## School Equipment

Each child will be provided with a personal set of stationary in September. This will remain in school. Please do not send anything unnecessary from home. Reading books will not be sent home. These will be distributed in school and be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before being handed to another child.

## 2019/20 School Reports

Despite the long absence from 'normal' school, teachers have compiled end of year reports based on pupil's progress by March 2020 and with regards to individual engagement during the lockdown period. These can be collected from school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. In order to maximise social distancing we have selected time slots for their collection from boxes outside the main school entrance:

- Reception & Year 1 - 9.30 – 10.30am
- Year 2 & 3 - 10.30 – 11.30am
- Year 4 & 5 - 11.30am – 12.30pm
- Year 6 - 12.30 – 1.30pm

Unfortunately, due to GDPR legislation, we are unable to put these reports in the post. If you are unable to collect your child's report we will keep it until September.

Many parents have expressed concerns about potential emotional health issues associated with such a long period of absence from school. Please begin the school year by sharing concerns and working with us to minimise the impact on all children. It has been reassuring to see the way in which many of the pupils have returned in the last few weeks. Many have openly stated how pleased they are to be back.

We share any concerns you may have around your child's anxiety and also around the impact of six months absence from learning. Around 40% of our pupils have not engaged in our home learning provision and as a result there will be a period of significant push to 'catch up'. We will spend time in the first few weeks assessing pupils for gaps in learning and hope you will work with us with urgency to close any of the gaps we identify.

I hope this letter helps you get a view of how September will look for your children. We will communicate with you via the Dojo system and website over the summer break. Any alterations to the organisation explained above will be shared with you as soon as we are able.

Many thanks for all the supportive communications we have received over the last few months. They have really helped lift the spirits of staff who have worked extremely hard since March and are already invigorated to get to grips with the bigger challenges September will inevitably bring.

Best wishes for the summer break. Looking forward to the new normality.

Stay safe

AS McFarlane

Principal