



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would just like to say what a fantastic week it has been! I cannot describe how excited staff have been to be able to see their classes again. From welcoming the smiling faces in at the gate on Monday morning, up until today, it has been wonderful to see such happy, positive children who are so pleased to be back in school. I will say, however, that everyone is very deserving of a break over the weekend, as I think that batteries need to be recharged.

I would like to thank you for your support with the measures that we have put in place with the aim of keeping children, staff and our community safe. We have, and I am sure will, make some adaptations as time goes on, but we are doing everything that we can to follow guidance and keep everyone safe.

Now that we have returned to school, and are becoming more familiar with our new ways of working, could I please just remind you of some key points and a change to what has previously been asked.

Whilst we asked for children not to bring in any bags (thank you for your help with this) in order for them to only bring essentials to and from school, it is clear that this is not always practical when children have several things to carry. I would ask then, that if your child does need a bag to carry their school items then please can you ensure that it is not huge and only contains essential items.

The other thing query that has arisen this week (very importantly for the children) is – are they allowed to bring in treats for their birthday? In answer to this, we are happy for them to bring in bought, prepacked treats, but sadly we would ask that you don't send in anything that is home made at this point.

Finally, some of the key things that you can do, to help us keep our children, staff and community safe.

- Remember, from Monday, by law, a maximum of 6 people can meet, either indoors or outdoors, unless there are any exceptional circumstances. Guidance is also that you should not car share with anyone outside of your 'family bubble.' Please be aware that we may ask questions of any changes to arrangements, and I would ask that you do not put us in an awkward situation, and ensure that you follow the guidance.



- Do not send your child / ren to school if they, or any members of the family are showing any symptoms of coronavirus. Follow Government advice to get tested and isolate if necessary. Please let us know promptly of any absences and the reasons for them
- Please ensure that all of your contact details are up to date. In the event of your child /ren becoming ill at school, we need to be able to contact you immediately.
- Remember to follow all social distancing advice at school when picking up / dropping off your child /ren with staff and other parents.
- Please do not arrive early at school and ensure that you leave the school promptly after dropping off / picking up.
- We are currently not allowing any external visitors in to school, to ensure the safety of all children and staff. If you have any post for the office - then please put it through the post box in the main school door. If you have any queries, then please telephone or e-mail the office.
- Classes will be spending as much time as possible outside, and windows in school are all needing to be kept open. Please ensure that your child /ren has suitable clothing including a waterproof coat.
- Your child / ren needs to have the correct clothing in school for PE as we cannot lend anything (check the school calendar on the website).
- Your child / ren must bring their own, named water bottle each day.
- Please ensure that you notify school of any changes to the end of the day arrangements by telephone or e-mail by 12pm, to ensure that we are able to pass the messages on to staff.

Thank you again for your support and for making it such a positive return to school for the children. Have a restful weekend, and enjoy what is forecast to be a warm weekend.

Kathy McCann

Headteacher.