

Framework for March 2021

Class “Clusters”

The latest guidance reinforces school must do everything to minimise contacts while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Stonar Prep’s small class sizes support our ability to keep children in small class sized bubbles. In order to reduce the risk or transmission we will keep the following clusters.

Nursery and Reception
Year One and Two
Year Three
Year Four
Year Five
Year Six

Each cluster group will continue to be based in a room(s) that is solely for their use and will be kept apart from other clusters as per the Government’s guidance

There is updated guidance concerning wrap around care and co-curricular activity outlined below.

Wraparound Care

Latest guidance states that wraparound care can be used where provision is necessary to support parents to work, attend education or access medical care. Key worker and vulnerable children can continue to access the provision as required.

If you feel you meet the stated criteria, and are not already accessing the provision, please email me so that you can be added to the booking system via SchoolBase (r.cunningham@stonarschool.com).

The guidance recognises the challenges of maintaining the use of clusters in a provision such as this, although we will aim to keep clusters as separate as possible.

The School Day

For those children not in wraparound care the classroom doors will open from 8:30am for lessons to start at 8:45am.

The end of the school day will return to our normal timings.

We ask that you continue to ensure only **one parent** picks up and drop off and that you **do not gather during these times**. Please park at the front of the School and take your child towards the Prep School.

All children will be dropped off at the exterior door of their classroom in the Prep School.

Prep-Prep (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2)

Drop off strictly between 8:30 to 8:45
Pick up 15:25

Prep (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

Drop off strictly between 8:30 to 8:45
Pick up 16:05

Please observe social distancing as you drop off and pick up. Do not try to come into the buildings. Staff will be present to guide and welcome the children. We would expect older pupils, especially those in Year 5 and Year 6 to be able to make their own way to their classroom, guided by staff.

Unless exempt, facemasks must be worn at all times on the school site.

Clubs and Activities

We plan to run our After-School Clubs and activities programme within Contact Clusters. A schedule of activities for the last three weeks of term will be published later this week.

Where it is not possible for pupils to remain socially distanced during an activity, parents and pupils will need to be aware that all those taking part may be required to self-isolate for 10 days if a pupil in that activity tests positive within 2 days of the activity taking place.

If pupils do not have PE or Games during the school day, but do have an activity which requires them to change, then pupils will come to school in uniform and change for the activity at the end of the school day.

Handwashing

Handwashing remains one of the key protective measures. Children will continue to follow a strict routine of handwashing throughout the day.

This will include washing hands immediately upon arrival.

Cleaning

There will be cleaners working before, during and after school hours to ensure the thorough daily cleaning of all the spaces being used.

In addition, cleaners will be cleaning high frequency surfaces and areas throughout the day and at least every hour.

PPE

Primary age pupils do not need to wear face coverings. Primary staff have been advised to wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible.

Prep staff will be wearing coverings when moving around the school. Some may choose to do so when teaching.

There are some specific situations where staff may need to wear PPE (e.g. where a child displays symptoms and an adult needs to stay with them).

The children will be shown the PPE staff may wear in these situations. This will support their understanding and dispel any fear or worry there may be around protective equipment.

Handwashing and social distancing will remain a key part of our protective measures and children will be supported to do this regularly through the day.

Food

Children will continue to be provided with a snack and lunch.

Lunch will be eaten in the dining hall – La Cantina. Class clusters will eat in zoned areas.

Uniform

Children are required to be in school uniform when they return in March.

Government Guidance advises that uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

On days children have PE they must come to school in their kit. On days where they swim PE kit must be worn and swimming kit brought in a separate bag.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back at all times.

Medical Care

Do not send your child into school if they are unwell or display any symptoms.

The Health and Wellbeing Centre is open with the School Nurse present throughout the day in order to support with any medical needs should they arise.

Should a child present with symptoms they will be assessed by the Nurse and the appropriate action taken.

Prompt collection of your child will be expected if you are contacted by the medical staff for the safe protection of staff and other pupils.

As a reminder, please see below the current guidance about action to take should you or someone in your household have symptoms:

If you have symptoms

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, self-isolate for 10 days.

After 10 days:

- if you do not have a high temperature, you can stop self-isolating
- if you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal

You do not need to keep self-isolating if you just have a cough after 10 days. A cough can last for weeks after the infection has gone.

If you live with someone who has symptoms

If you live with someone who has symptoms, self-isolate for 10 days from the day after their symptoms started.

This is because it can take 10 days for symptoms to appear.

If more than 1 person at home has symptoms, self-isolate for 10 days from the day the first person started having symptoms.

- **If you get symptoms while self-isolating** – you should self-isolate for 10 days from the day after your symptoms started, even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 10 days.
- **If you do not get symptoms while self-isolating** – you can stop self-isolating after 10 days.

Hayfever

Please ensure that children who suffer from hayfever have taken their medication before they come to school in order to minimise sneezing and coughing.



What other measures are in place?

Social distancing

Maintaining a distance between people while inside and reducing face-to-face contact lowers the risk of transmission. Where possible staff will maintain a 2-metre distance from each other and pupils, although the guidance recognises this is not possible for the youngest children.

Please discuss the importance of maintaining social distance between teachers and peers with your child prior to school re-opening.

Ventilation

Good ventilation reduces the concentration of virus in the air, which reduces the risk from airborne transmission. We will ensure all spaces are well ventilated while maintaining a comfortable environment. This will be achieved by:

- Natural ventilation - doors and windows will be kept open. In colder weather windows will be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation.
- Purges - while rooms are unoccupied door and windows will be fully opened to refresh the air.

Testing

Primary age pupils will not be tested. The guidance states:

“Public Health England have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow device (LFD)s. Primary age pupils may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab. We will review this approach in the light of any emerging evidence.”

Prep staff will be offered testing twice weekly through Lateral Flow Devices at home.

Teaching spaces

Year Groups will only enter their own teaching space and will be kept separate from the other clusters through the school day.

As per the Government Guidance, teaching spaces will be organised with desks facing forwards with children seated side by side to support distancing.

Each room will have a set of resources that are just for that cluster and will not be shared between groups. The classrooms and the resources will be cleaned regularly.

Transfer of items to and from school

We continue to limit movement of items to and from school. Please ensure your child has the stationery required in one small pencil case.

Children will need to bring a water bottle, swimming kit (on the day required) and stationery (listed below).

Toilets

Clusters will use specific toilet blocks. There are systems to ensure the traffic to and from these areas is limited and managed.

One way system

Movement around the site and inside of buildings will be controlled to ensure high traffic areas do not get crowded. Doors will be propped open where possible.

Access to the building will always be from an outside door of a classroom so children do not have to walk far to their teaching space.

What will children need to bring into School?

We will limit the equipment that children will be able to share. Therefore it is important each child has the required stationery to complete their learning.

Please also ensure all of the learning pack is brought back into school on Monday 8 March.

Children will need to bring:

- Water bottle
- Pencils
- Colours
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Tissues