



Autumn@ STONAR



August 2020

Head's Introduction

Dear Parents,

The Government has directed schools to prepare for all pupils, in all year groups to return to school full-time from the start of the Autumn Term.

It is also the intention of the Government that schools should provide a full educational experience with a 'broad and ambitious' curriculum whilst using judgments to balance and minimise risk from Coronavirus.

In putting together our plans for the new term we are advised by the following organisations and agencies:

- Department for Education
- Public Health England
- Boarding Schools Association
- Independent Schools' Bursars Association
- Independent Schools Council
- Society of Heads

The theme from the Government and very much our approach is to 'get on with it' now. The children need to be back in school and they need to be learning fully in their classrooms, with as few impediments as is safe and reasonable.

They also need to be enjoying all the extra things that make school fun and fulfilling. The framework below seeks to explain a summary of the proportionate protective measures for children and staff that allow us to deliver the full Stonar educational experience, whilst also managing risk effectively.

Any document of this nature is a summary of more detailed risk assessments and plans and is a 'best fit'.

The individual concerns, needs and vulnerabilities of each and every pupil, their families and our staff are of critical importance to us. If you feel that your child's particular needs and concerns have not been specifically addressed, then please do get in touch with us.

This framework seeks to provide parents with practical information so that you can prepare for the start of term. In many ways we are very lucky. We have a beautiful, secure site with plenty of outdoor space, ample classrooms and indoor areas enabling us to operate as close to normally as possible, but inevitably there will be some things that look a little different. This framework will change as we receive updated guidance from the Government (all too frequently!) and as we adjust our policies and procedures in light of our operational assessment of how things are working once everyone has returned.

As ever, please let us know if you have any questions.

Rob Cunningham
Head of Prep School

Returning to Stonar Autumn 2020

Day Sessions

The new guidelines now allow us to bring all the children back to nursery on the days that you have requested.

We will be running the normal nursery hours and delivering the full curriculum.

Wraparound care (Stay & Play) will be available from September. The latest guidance recognises the challenges of maintaining the use of clusters in a provision such as this. In order to support us to limit the mixing of clusters while children are using Stay & Play we ask that you book the sessions you require at least 48hrs in advance to allow us to staff the provision appropriately. Bookings can be made via the Nursery Manager.

Please contact us if you require any changes of days from the session request form you completed in summer.

Contact Clusters

Updated guidance recognises that, although consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission, the use of small groups restricts the normal operation of schools. Schools have been advised that “bubbles” can now be made larger.

The Government guidance also makes it clear that schools should offer a ‘full, broad and balanced’ curriculum’ and for us that means delivering our sport and PE programme and activities, wraparound care and other specialist teaching. In order to achieve this we will also use ‘contact clusters’ in the Prep School. These will be as follows:

Prep School

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2
- Year 3 & 4
- Year 5 & 6

The Nursery Day

For the first week back (**3 September – 11 September**) we will have two different drop off points, one for existing nursery pupils and another one for new starters.

New starters:

Please drop off your children by the sensory garden. Your key person will greet you at the gate. There will be toys in the garden to help with settling the children in at drop off time and you will be able to come to the garden for around 15 min to help with the transition to Nursery.

Drop off between 08:15-08:30

Pick up 15:30 sharp (unless attending Stay and Play)

Existing pupils:

Please drop off at the main Nursery door where the key person will greet you.

Drop off between 08:00-08:15

Pick up 15:20 sharp (unless attending Stay and Play)

From Monday 14 September onwards:

All Nursery children (main Nursery door)

Drop off between 08:00-08:15



Pick up 15:30 sharp (unless attending Stay and Play)

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 ask that you continue to ensure only one parent picks up and drop off and that you do not gather during these times.

Timetable

We will be able to offer the full timetable. Please see below the weekly schedule of Nursery activities:

- Mondays - Swimming
- Tuesdays – Spanish
- Wednesdays – Forest School
- Thursdays – Ballet/dance
- Fridays – PE & Forest School

Resources

In order to be able to offer the full timetable and activities, we will have more resources available in the Nursery. We will continue to select the resources that can be easily cleaned.

Food

We will continue to offer morning and afternoon break snacks. All children will receive a hot lunch which will be eaten in the Nursery. All dietary requirements will be catered for as always.

Hygiene Measures

Hand Washing, Hand Sanitisers and Respiratory Hygiene

Handwashing remains one of the key protective measures and children will be supported to do this regularly throughout the day.

There will be hand sanitiser stations at the entrance to key areas. Pupils are encouraged to carry their own hand sanitiser if they wish to do so.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be important and the children will be reminded of this at the start of term and regularly by tutors. Tissues and bins will be available in each classroom and other workspaces.

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 and toilets and washrooms throughout the day.

Healthcare

Face Masks

Wearing face coverings or face masks in school has not been recommended. Staff and children are not required to wear PPE or face coverings when they return.

The guidance states:

“Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings.”

PPE

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 by using it for 'Doctors and Nurses' role play.

We will, as always, wear appropriate PPE such as gloves and aprons when changing nappies, applying sun cream and dealing with both toileting and general accidents.

Medical Care

Our onsite Health and Wellbeing Centre has been adapted to enable its ongoing running for day to day requirements, as well as having an isolation unit.

Do not send your child into school if they display any Coronavirus symptoms or if they have tested positive within the last 10 days.

Further information on the symptoms of Covid can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Should a pupil or staff member 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 the current guidance about action to take should you or someone in your household have symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

This link also explains how the NHS Track and Trace system works: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

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.

Please do get in touch with us here at Stonar if you have any questions at all.

We would be very pleased to speak to you.

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