



Notice Board

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Dear Parents

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced all schools would close on Friday 20 March, however they would remain open for key workers and most vulnerable children.

So, for many of our children, Friday will be their last day in school for an unspecified period of time. We are currently awaiting further clarification as to what constitutes a key worker and other details on who will need to attend school from Monday.

The Local Authority have since communicated to explain that once they are clear on how many children will be requiring a school place, they will be looking at the level of provision that will be required across the county.

At the time of sharing this information with you, my understanding is that the Local Authority will be setting up local hubs in the four regions of the county. This is all the information that I know of at the moment, but when there is further clarification then of course I will share this with you.

It saddens me to confirm that Stanton St Quintin Primary School will close on Friday 20th March.

We have been working in preparation for this in the following ways:

- Maintaining a happy, safe and purposeful learning environment for our children—opportunities for children to ask questions. We have had lots of ‘What if? And What will happen ...?’ questions.
- Reviewing the Emergency Business Continuity Plan—ensuring methods of effective communication between home and school are robust.
- Planning for and setting home learning activities—for the following week this will be in paper form, then afterwards this will be sent home electronically. We aim to maintain Thursdays as Stanton’s weekly communication day and so weekly learning tasks will be sent home by email via parentpay.
- Responding to daily Government Update.

The following page explains the school’s expectations and how home learning will be set and shared for the foreseeable future. We have not rushed to share this as we have wanted to get a consistency of format across the classes.

Children will tomorrow come home with their school trays. The rationale for this is that they have ‘school jobs’ and these can be kept safely in their trays. Reading books and Maths No Problem exercise books will also be coming home. There is an expectation that these are brought back to school when we re-open, so please take pride in them and look after them.

If at all possible, please try to pick your child up from school tomorrow so that you can help them bring everything home. I will be at the gate tomorrow should you have any questions about the Home Learning Tasks that are not answered in the following page.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

A guide to home learning for parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today teachers have been working together to plan how they will provide regular learning opportunities for your child as the school closes. This letter will explain the approach we are taking towards continuing education for your child at home. Educating your child continues to be a partnership between school, pupil and parent.

In order for your child to receive as rich a learning experience as possible under the circumstances, we will be sending home a learning pack tomorrow. If your child is not in school this week, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Weekly arrangements and how to support your child

Learning packs shall then be updated every week via email, with an aim to have these with you by Thursday for the following week of home teaching. We understand that everyone has differing commitments and will be thinking about how best to organise their days/weeks with their children. You may wish to put together a daily timetable to provide structure and a commitment to continuing education. Supporting children to continue accessing education from home is extremely important and we hope that weekly guidance shall provide you with the best possible opportunity to keep up those all-important skills with your child.

Home learning should be completed on paper and filed in the provided folder. Further details for each class will be provided on individual class weekly plans.

A pencil should be used to complete any learning for KS1 and a pen/pencil for KS2, high expectations of presentation should be maintained.

How to contact your child's class teacher about their learning

To contact your class teacher/s regarding home learning activities, we have created class emails which should be used to contact your child's class teacher as a two-way communication method should you have any concerns or questions. Teachers will aim to respond within 48 hours.

Please remember we are setting tasks that children should be able to access and complete. If they are struggling, take a break and remind your children of the methods that they have been taught at school.

The email addresses to access regarding home learning are:

Darling Class darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

Amazon Class amazonclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

Rhine Class rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

This email address can also be used to share and celebrate photographs of children enjoying home learning that we will hope to share on our class blogs. Please note, all other enquiries should go through admin (admin@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

Teachers will do all they can to support children with their home learning, however there could be unforeseeable circumstances where weekly home learning does not reach you as stated above. In such circumstances, refer to the section, 'What to do if I do not receive weekly home learning', enclosed within your learning pack.

Hi everyone

We had a great turn out for the Stanton Chill Out, and feedback from children on the night was very positive, so thank you to you all for supporting our first film night.



Our next planned event is the annual Easter egg Hunt. We have already bought 75 Easter eggs and they are waiting eagerly for a child to take them home.

With the current situation, we need to try and get these to the children before the school may close, and none of us know when that will be. Therefore, please can we have your help to buy our Easter eggs so even if we can't run the Hunt, we could still give them out to the children.

Please check your ParentPay account where you will be able to purchase a ticket for an egg for £1.50 per egg. We did buy extra so that younger siblings can also get one. You can buy as many tickets as you like - just let Mrs Pennington know in the school office if you would like more.

Thanks in anticipation - we can't save the eggs for another event as the expiry date on them is July and we just don't know what will be happening at that point.

Best wishes

Yvonne and the FOSS Team.

Community News



Dear Parents, Carers and Young People,
We are aware that it is a very anxious time and there may be concerns about where to access support in coming weeks should there be school closures or you needing to self isolate.
As a school nursing service we would like to let you know we are here to support you during this time.

For secondary school age young people:

- We have set up a confidential telephone drop-in service Monday to Friday 12-2pm. Any young person that would like to call and speak to a qualified nurse on the end of the phone can call 0300 247 0090 Monday to Friday 12-2pm and speak to them.
 - We also have our CHAT health text service so you can text a school nurse for advice or support for any health issues or worries, again this is confidential and you don't need to give your name if you don't want to the number is 07480 635513
- For parents of any school age child:

We have duty school nurses available at the end of the phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm should you require any support with your school age child. This is available permanently for all parents to access for advice and support. If you would like support please call one of our nurses through our Single Point of access on 0300 247 0090

Kind Regards
Wiltshire School Nursing Service

Dear Neighbourhood Watch supporters,

Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales have been responding rapidly to the coronavirus COVID-19 crisis making a positive impact within their local communities. This is a challenging time for all of us. We must highlight health, safety and wellbeing must be our top priorities and at the heart of every decision we make. Please see our full statement from Neighbourhood Watch Network on COVID-19 here:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2020-03/NW%20COVID-19%20Message%2018.03.20.pdf>

We have built a dedicated area on our new website: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/NW_national-news/covid-19. Over the coming days, weeks and months we will be adding to this as the situation develops, sharing updated guidance, resources, partner links and encouraging communication between supporters through our social media channels, especially to share some of the positive ways communities are coming together to support one another through this.

We wish you all health and safety.

Kind regards,
Central Support Team, Neighbourhood Watch Network

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