



Stowlawn Primary School

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Dear parents / carers
of children in **Year 1 – September 2020**

We are really excited to be able to welcome all our children back to school in September. I am writing to tell you all the information about our return to school. This is a long letter but please read all the information as it is important that you are informed about how we are planning to keep our school community safe.

We have worked to ensure that, as much as possible, children remain in “bubbles” which are made up of 2 classes, and children will remain in these bubbles for playtimes, lunchtimes etc. Social distancing is not required for children within these “bubbles”.

To ensure these “bubbles” remain intact, and so that entrance and exits onto the school site adhere to social distancing for adults, we have had to make some changes in school.

- Attendance

From September, attendance in school will once again become statutory. You will hopefully see below that we have worked hard to ensure your children are safe in school, and we very much look forward to seeing them back in their classrooms ready to learn and be with their friends once again!

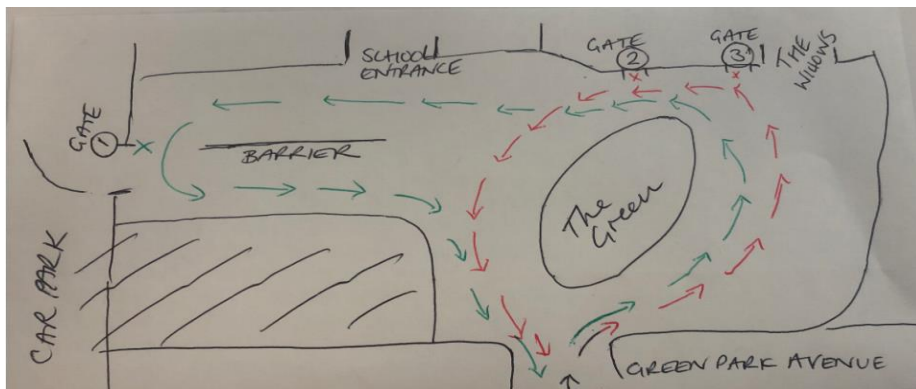
If you have any concerns about attendance in September, please talk to us. We will be in contact with you if your child's attendance drops below 95% , to see if we can offer any support.

- One way system

We will now be operating a 1 way system to come onto, and leave the school site. You should enter through the gate from Green Park Avenue as normal, then turn right walk around to your gate, following the one way system and dropping your child off at their allocated gate. Leave your child to walk through the gate , and carry on following around the one way system and back out of the main gate onto Green Park Avenue.

Please do not cut back around the front of the green to leave the site.

Ensure only **1 adult** brings your child and collects them from school. This will make sure that that we have fewer people on the site, and lead to less queueing as you wait for children to come in or leave school.



Drop off at Gate 1 – follow **green** arrows

Drop off at Gate 2 or 3 – follow **red** arrows



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- Time of the school days

Your child will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

We have many parents to get on and off the site in a different way, so we have staggered some start and finish times.

Your child will need to be dropped off at **8.45am** and collected at **2.30pm** using **Gate No 1**.

We realise that families with children in different year groups may have to wait a few minutes, so please continue to social distance and follow the one way system whilst outside school.

- Free School Meals

From September, the Free School Meals vouchers will not be issued. If you are entitled to these, the last vouchers you receive will be through the summer holidays.

Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will remain eligible for "Universal" free school meals when they return to school in September.

If you pay for school lunches, the cost will remain the same at £2.50 per day/ £12.50 per week.

- School Uniform and PE kit

School uniform should be worn when children return to school. This includes black shoes – not trainers. Children should also bring a school PE kit to be kept in school.

Children should not wear watches or jewellery. This is to ensure that they can wash their hands properly, and they do not fiddle with ears etc which could cause risk of infection.

- Books and belongings

The only bags that children can bring into school are PE bags (which should be left in school for the half term), bags containing clothing for forest school when needed, and lunch boxes/bags.

Each child will be given a strong, plastic folder to bring books to and from school. These can easily be wiped with a sanitizer by us and yourselves.

Items such as pencil cases, pens, pencils rubbers etc cannot be brought to school. We shall provide all the stationery that children will need to use.

- Breakfast clubs and After School clubs.

We shall not be running either breakfast club or after school clubs. We hope to reintroduce these as the year moves on.

- Friday Afternoon finish

On Friday, all children will finish after lunchtime to allow for staff to have their statutory planning and preparation time, and for extra cleaning of the classrooms before the next week. We have had to change this so staff do not move between bubbles to cover classes, as this could lead to whole school closure if we did have any cases / suspected cases of coronavirus in school.

Therefore on Friday you should collect your child from Gate number **1** at **1pm**



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Your child will be sent home with some work to complete which will support their learning they have completed in class. They will need to bring the work back into school on Monday morning. This will then be marked with the children, and new work set for the following Friday.

- Curriculum and learning

We have worked hard to ensure we have teaching and learning prepared for when your children return in September. We shall be teaching a full curriculum. However, we will not be able to gather together in groups outside the “bubbles” for events such as assemblies. This does pose an issue for us as we love to get the whole school together – however we are hoping to bring the children together at some point using the wonders of computers and technology!

The changes to timings do not affect your children’s education in any way. They will still be receiving the recommended amount of teaching time per week, according to their age.

- PSHE Curriculum

From September we will be teaching Personal, Health and Social Education (PHSE) in line with new Government requirements. Please see the school website for further information.

- The School Office

For the time being, the school office will be closed to parents and visitors. If you have any questions or queries, then please contact school through phone calls and emails. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

- Face masks and PPE

Your child cannot wear face masks or bring hand sanitiser in school. If they wear masks on the way to school, please remove them before your child goes through the school gate.

Staff in school will only wear masks, aprons and gloves if they are dealing with toilet accidents.

Some Green Park staff are nurses employed by Wolverhampton Health Authority. They **have** to wear full PPE equipment, so please do not be alarmed if you see them wearing this outside school. It does not mean we have any cases of Covid-19 on site!

- Covid-19 Symptoms

We shall be following the government guidelines of “Prevent, Response, Manage”.

Whilst in school, we shall aim to **prevent** the spread of any symptoms by:

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell.

If your child or anyone living with your child shows

symptoms of Coronavirus, PLEASE STAY AT HOME but inform school of the absence by telephone.



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We will be:

- Encouraging children to wash hands often.
- Following the “catch it – bin it – kill it!” routine if children sneeze – they catch their sneeze in the tissue and put it in the special lidded bin in the classroom.
- Having regular cleaning regime in classrooms and other school areas,
- Limiting the amount of items coming into school and going home, so please DO NOT let your child bring pens / pencils, crayons or toys into school with them.
- Social distancing where possible between adults and children in “bubbles”, and limiting the amount of adults who move across “bubbles”. Children will not be able to swop / move across “bubbles”.

In response to any **reported** symptoms at home we will ask you to take your child for a test .

In response to any **reported** symptoms at school we will take the child to a prepared spare room, where they will wait with a member of staff. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately. You will then be asked to take your child for a test.

- In both cases, if any tests are positive, we have a duty to provide any information about children or staff who have been in contact with that child to NHS England, as part of their Track and Trace response.

We will **manage** any confirmed cases by :

- Asking everyone in that bubble to isolate at home for 14 days.
- Following advice, guidelines and procedures issued by the LA Health Protection Team and / or NHS England.

These arrangements will apply for the whole of the Autumn term. We ask you to be patient with us and each other as we all get used to the new way of school life. It will be no mean feat getting nearly 300 children and their parents, on and off site every day, with social distancing and new systems!

If you have any questions or queries then please contact school.

All that leaves me to do is to say thank you for all the home learning you have helped to complete, and the support and understanding you have all shown during this difficult times.

Yes things will be different when we return to school in September, but we are still #teamStowlawn, full of #Stowlawnstars, and we shall make sure that we continue to provide the best care and education for all our children.

See you all in September!

Mrs Charles and all the Stowlawn staff

Your key information		Arrival time	8.45am
Start date	Thursday 3 rd September	Pick up time	Monday to Thursday : 2.30pm Friday : 1.00pm
Year group	Year 1	Gate number	1
Children cannot wear masks or bring hand sanitiser into school. No bags , pencil cases, stationary, toys, cards (ie football / pokemon . Only bring lunchboxes and PE / forest school kits.			