



## Steeple Claydon School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ahead of us welcoming all children back to school next week (Monday 8 March), please read this letter carefully as it details the changes to our procedures we have put in place in line with the new government guidelines for Primary Schools. It is important for everyone's safety that these measures are followed as closely as possible by us all. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

- All **entrance and exit points and arrival/collection times** for classes remain as they were before Christmas.
- Children should continue to wear their **PE kit** all day on PE days and school uniform on the others. PE days for each class will be confirmed in the newsletter on Friday.
- All adults and children aged 12yrs and over should wear **face masks** at all times while on the school site unless they are exempt. This includes outside when dropping off and collecting your children. Please be reminded that where possible only one person should attend collection/drop off and any younger children who need to come with you must hold an adults hand or be in a buggy/pram.
- If your child shows any one of **the Covid symptoms**, they will be sent home immediately and the whole family asked to isolate until a test result is confirmed as negative. In a change to the government guidelines, please be aware that anyone in that child's support or childcare bubbles is also required to isolate. We will therefore, with your assistance, be updating the list we created last November of which families have formed a support and/or childcare bubble with another family in our school community so we know which children to send home should the need arise. Your assistance and understanding with this is much appreciated.
- The Department of Health announced on Sunday that from 8 March, **all adults in households or support/childcare bubbles with primary aged pupils can test themselves for Covid-19 twice a week** if they wish to for an added layer of reassurance in the school community. No Primary pupils themselves should be tested. Please click [here](#) for the guidance on how to access the test kits as we are not allowed to issue them from school. You can book online for them to be posted or collect them from a designated collection point.
- **Breakfast and After School Club** will resume as 'normal' from 8 March and can be booked in the usual ways. Please be aware, however, that government guidelines state that this provision should only be used by parents who need it in order to attend work, medical appointments or training and not solely for extra-curricular activity.
- Once collected, all **children must remain with the adult collecting** them and all families must remain at a 2m distance from other families.
- **Individual music lessons** for those pupils whose parents pay for them will resume in school on the same days of the week as before Christmas unless you are notified otherwise.



- Children's choice of **library books** may be restricted at least until Easter as we have taken the decision not to use the library as a shared space and to have a smaller selection of books in each class for the children to choose from instead.
- Most **staff are now using Lateral Flow Tests** at home to test themselves for Covid-19 twice a week, providing an additional element of reassurance to all staff and pupils. Staff will also be wearing masks more often at certain times whilst in school. Please prepare your child for this possibility if you think it may cause them any stress.
- **All other measures that were in place before Christmas will remain.** The full, updated risk assessment is also attached to this message should you wish to see everything we are doing to ensure all staff, pupils and parents are as safe as possible in further detail.

Thank you for reading this letter and thank you as always for your continued support, appreciation and understanding regarding our efforts to keep our whole community as safe as possible whilst ensuring the children's learning and progress resume at school! Thank you and well done also for the super human efforts many of you have put into managing to ensure your children kept up as much as possible with learning at home. You deserve a break and I'm sure we are all hoping that it never becomes necessary again!

Yours sincerely,



Christine Richards

