

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the extraordinary disruption of the last few months. The children have been brilliant, and have adapted really quickly to the new procedures that are in place to help keep everyone safe and healthy. If there are tweaks to the way we work over the coming weeks we will keep you updated.

Start and end of the day

Thank you for maintaining the social distancing that is possible around the Infant and Nursery School site. Looking ahead, queueing and waiting for others to pass as you come and go is much appreciated by everyone and has helped us to begin and end the days calmly.

Before our school gates open, please maximise the space available along Stoke Hill and Margaret Road. Please **do not** smoke in the presence of the children whilst you are waiting.

Snacks

We have asked previously for snacks to be only fruit in its skin, we can now allow small snack pots into school if you consider this to be <u>absolutely</u> <u>necessary</u>. Any container used to store a snack of fruit, vegetable or cheese needs to be kept in a child's tray and therefore less than 5cm in height - to allow for the tray above to be used without obstruction.

Symptoms

A reminder: if your child has any of the following symptoms you need to keep them at home and get them tested for Covid-19:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

Please let us know if your child is going to be tested, and the outcome of the test. You can find more detailed information here: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</u>

Full Opening

Has begun well, however if we need to close a 'Bubble' we will let you know how to continue learning with your child. Similarly to lockdown, access to the internet and a device to work on will be important for every child.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming the new children in the Nursery and Foundation Stage from Monday. Families have been making 'Stay and Play' visits this week with the children keen to see their new class and nursery for real at last!

With best wishes from everyone here ~ Sarah Mackay





