

Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School



Friday Update 26.3.21

Executive Headteacher Interviews

Interviews for the new Executive post will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday next week. The Federation governors have been supported by the Babcock School Improvement Team to make sure the process is challenging and will enable the candidates to demonstrate the knowledge and skills essential to the role of Executive Headteacher. There was an unusually high number of applicants for this sort of post, which is a testament to the excellent reputation of our schools. We will keep you updated, and will let you know the outcome of the interviews as soon as we can.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education Policy

Thank you to everyone who took time to respond to the recent consultation about the new Relationships, Health and Sex Education policy, which was sent out before half term. We are reviewing all responses and have passed them on to our governing body for consideration. As this is a compulsory curriculum, we are limited to what changes we are able to make but will share any changes that are made as a result of this consultation with our school community in the coming weeks.

The question about online safety prompted several queries and suggestions around teaching of this area. At Stoke Hill, online safety teaching happens regularly and ranges from reminders when children are working online in school to more specific online safety lessons and assemblies. The content covered is varied and adapted to respond to current issues and trends and as such there is no definitive list of apps/games/social media platforms we teach in the policy as the ones relevant to the children change so regularly.

Covid Tests

We have had a couple of parents send in negative test results for children, and the tests have been LFT's and not the recommended PCR test. If a child has any of the symptoms they need to isolate and have a PCR covid test before returning to school.

See below guidance from the Schools Operational Guide updated 16/3/21:

If anyone in your school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must:

- send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- advise them to follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)
- advise them to [arrange to have a test](#) as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Have a lovely weekend ~ Sarah Mackay Head Teacher