



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governors and staff at Steeton Primary School I would like to say a big thank you for all the support you have given school over what has been a very difficult time for everyone.

Thank you to all the families of children who have not been in school for their patience and hard work in dealing with what you have been going through. This situation is not what any of us would have wanted and we appreciate home learning is very challenging. A huge well done goes to all pupils and parents who have been learning at home and coping with being away from school.

For those parents and carers whose children did return to school and our key worker children, thank you for supporting us by co-operating with the systems we have had to put in, for the safety of all. The support you gave us enabled your children to come back happily.

The children who did come back, in the face of things looking quite different in school, demonstrated great resilience and have coped really well. This also reassures us that that most children will cope very well with the systems we have to operate with in September.

Covid -19 has seen many circumstances being forced upon us all and these have led to decisions that sometimes that are not perfect for everyone concerned. However, I reiterate that all these have been given thorough consideration and been made in what we believe to be the best interests of how to balance and minimise any risks from coronavirus (COVID-19) with providing a full educational experience for our children. I can assure you that School has prepared hard for the return of all pupils in September and that full classrooms of children being taught by teachers is what we all wish for.

Changes to usual systems from September 2020

I will now remind you of the main information regarding changes to operating systems for September and also give you some extra important information. We are mindful that things are subject to change and we will continue to work throughout the summer to organise the school within the new Government guidelines. A revised parent handbook will also be sent out just before the children are due back to ensure you have all the information you need.

Weekly Timetable September 2020

September 20-21 Subject to change in line with <u>DfE</u> guidance								
Year	Staff	Gate in/out	Cloakroom	Rooms	Toilets	Playtime	Lunchtime	Playtime
R	Miss Bingham Mrs Varley Mrs Inman Miss Crummack Mrs Turner	EYFS top	EYFS	EYFS building - 10,11	EYFS	10:30 – 10:50 EYFS + top of yard	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:15 EYFS + top of yard
1 2	Mr Daft Mrs Dale Mrs Law Miss Hussain Mrs Foulds	MUGA	Y1/2	Main building - 2,3	Boys	10:00 – 10:20 Top playground	12:00 – 12:30	12:30 – 12:45 Bottom playground
3 4	Miss Lafferty Miss Buckley Mrs Jackson Miss Akram Mrs Goodall Miss Roberts	Park	Y3/4	Main building - 1,5 Annexe 1 – 6	Girls	10:00 – 10:20 Bottom playground	12:30 – 13:00	13:00 – 13:15 Bottom playground
5 6	Miss Wilson Mrs Goodman Mrs Firth Mr Hiles Mrs Birtwistle Miss Redman Miss Bibi Mrs Grooby	Main	Y5/6	Annexe 1 - 7,8,9	Annexe 1	10:30 – 10:50 Bottom playground	13:00 – 13:30	12:45 – 13:00 Bottom playground

Please note the gate you need to drop your children off at. Parents will not be allowed into the playground and school staff will be at the gates to greet you.

Drop off /collection and Phase Bubbles

Please note the new start and finish time for school. Staff will be opening gates in the morning from 8:35am and they will be locked at 8:45am. Parents will not be allowed in the playground. Please ensure you give yourself enough time to arrive at school in order for your child to be on time. You may have to take into account traffic, parking and any extra time caused by social distancing requirements. Once children have been handed over to staff they will be kept in their bubbles until taken into class. At the end of the day children will be brought to the gate in bubbles to be handed over to you. Please be patient during this time as these systems with so many children are new to us all and we all play a part in keeping everyone safe.

Lunchtimes

Our catering team will be able to provide a full lunch menu in September and the children will eat lunch in the hall on a rota basis with a clean down of all equipment in between bubbles. The school will be following full guidance from Public Health and staff will wear PPE if it is made compulsory. Children will be allowed to bring their own lunch boxes and water bottles. These must be taken home at the end of each day to be washed. Children will ONLY be allowed to use a school book bag for bringing their reading book to school, this is to ensure they can be stored safely on their peg.

School Assemblies

There will be no whole school or class assemblies from September. I will be zooming and recording regular weekly whole school and phase assemblies within school. These will also be put on the school website to allow the school to come together as one community and work on shared goals once more.

Cleaning and Hygiene

As the school will be back to 100% capacity in September we will be carrying out full school cleaning routines at the beginning and end of every day. To ensure the risk of infection is minimised, in addition to this our Site Manager will be using a fogging machine to disinfect all areas of school at the end of each day. Friday afternoon closure will allow for the school to be deep cleaned. Classrooms, toilets and all high traffic areas will also be cleaned down at lunch time. Children will be asked to wash their hands at the start of each day, before and after playtime and lunch time and the end of the day. We cannot allow children to bring in their own soaps and creams as all liquid substances in school must have a CosHH risk assessment. Antibacterial hand gel will also be available for all children when hand washing is not available e.g. a visit to the park, playing outside or in the school hall.

School Reports and New Classes

This year's school reports have been sent by post unless your child has been in school so please look out for them this week if you haven't already received it I know you have all been informed by Ping which class your child will be in next year and who their teacher will be. Thank you to all parents who were able to bring their children to the transition sessions with their new class.

Pupil Premium

We are aware that the financial circumstances of some parents may have taken a turn for the worse due to the pandemic. If you have had to apply for benefits, school will be notified if you are eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium (please see information on the school website regarding Pupil Premium). If you have a change in circumstances over the summer, please contact school in September as to any support you may be entitled to.

Year 6 Leavers

The whole school community wishes all our Year 6 leavers good luck as they end the first part of their education journey. Not the way we wanted to say goodbye but we know you will be brilliant and your new schools are very lucky to be having you. We will try and arrange some sort of celebration in the autumn term when you hopefully can come back to see us. To all those families who have also come to the end of their time as part of the Steeton Community, we wish you all the best for the future and thank you for your support over all these years.

Finally, I hope you are able to have an enjoyable and safe summer and we will see most of you back in school on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Kind Regards

Kevin Wheeler
Head of School

