



STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

Welcome

A warm welcome back to all our parents and children

A special welcome to all our new parents and children who are joining us for the first time this year.

The first full week has gone very smoothly and the staff and I are extremely pleased with the way the children have settled in.

Normal lessons have resumed and it has been wonderful to see the effort the children are putting in and their eagerness to learn.

It has been especially pleasing to see the children playing together at playtimes and lunchtimes, hearing them laughing and making up games. A school playground we all have been waiting for!

Bubbles, Isolation and Home Learning

Following Government guidelines, we are no longer operating a bubble structure.

Government advice is:

'We no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term.'

As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and you no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.'

You should make sure your contingency plans (sometimes called outbreak management plans) cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.'

Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' would not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.'

With regards to Isolation, if someone in your child's class tests positive, we will not be closing that class. Apart from the positive case, all other children can continue to attend school. If your child tests positive please inform school as before. If your child displays symptoms you are advised to have them tested.

We will inform the appropriate authorities if we have a positive case in school.

Government advice is;

'As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.'

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- ***they are fully vaccinated***
- ***they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months***
- ***they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial***
- ***they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons***

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.'

We will ensure that if any children do test positive and have to Isolate we will provide a pack of work for home learning.

If you are unsure on any of this advice or actions you may need to take then please contact school.

Attendance

As per the above advice only children who have tested positive for Covid need to be absent from school. If for any reason your child can not attend school for Covid or non Covid reasons, please contact school asap (You can leave a message for Mrs Kennedy our Inclusion and Welfare Officer). If you need further support we will call you back.

Assemblies, School Trips and Calendar of Events

At this time of year we usually send out a calendar of events for the year ahead and will be doing so in the next few weeks.

In the mean time keep an eye on School ping and the School Website and the weekly newsletter.

As stated above in the Government advice, '***assemblies can resume***'.

We have decided that we will begin by using a mixture of Zoom and physical assemblies. We will not be going back to the assembly schedule and formats we had before Covid restrictions to ensure more class time and quality learning.

We do intend to reintroduce Class Assemblies/Events that will allow you to come into school and celebrate your child's achievements. More details later in the term.

We will still be awarding Steeton Superstar certificates weekly and will continue to include the names and classes of the well deserved recipients.

Some school trips have already been organised and you will be kept informed by your child's Class Teacher through SchoolPing.

After School Clubs

I am still hoping for clubs to begin on w/c Monday 13th September. Further details and booking arrangements will be out next week. Just tweaking the online booking system and confirming days.

Playground Improvements and Pirate Ship

We hope the children have noticed the improvements we have started doing to the School Grounds such as the newly painted shelters and benches. This will continue to take place.

I hope everyone has noticed the magnificent Pirate Ship that has struck anchor in the Big Playground. A massive thank you to Captain Shaw who assisted by First Mate Shaw jr, has designed, made and installed this great addition to school. The children are loving playing on it and we are loving watching them. It has inspired us to organise a Pirate Day in school very soon. Further details next week.

Steeton Superstars This Week

Everyone has worked so hard and settled back in to school so well.

Inclusion and Welfare Officer

Mrs Kennedy is available everyday if you need any advice or support on areas such as attendance, behaviour, benefits, Pupil Premium Support, Agency Support, Parental Support. Please do not hesitate to contact her either by phoning or email or a quick chat at drop off/pick up time.

SCHOOLPING and Website

Please contact school if you are having trouble accessing Schoolping especially if you are a new parent. We send all our letters and messages out to you using ping as well as updates on children's work and achievements. Please continue to use the school website. We will continue to strive to update it as regularly as possible. **If you go to the parents section and scroll down to letters, you will be able to see all the letters that have gone home.**

Follow us on Twitter!



Our School Twitter account is updated regularly and we want more followers. Keep up to date with breaking news of the exciting events happening in school by following us on **@SteetonPrimary**.

Tweets can also be viewed on the school website:
www.steeton.bradford.sch.uk



People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We have a number of children to who this applies.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes.

For example

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Some cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Food with Satay Sauces.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

I know if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Car Parking

Just a reminder that the car park by the main school gate is for staff only. We are very aware of the limited car parking in the immediate vicinity of the school as they are residential streets. Please consider our neighbours when parking and driving in Market Street and School Street.

Looking forward to a great hard working, fun and 'normal' year at Steeton Primary with you and your children.

Mr K. Wheeler

