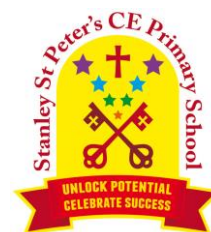


Friday, 19th March, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



Use of home testing kits

We have had a number of children with Coronavirus symptoms that have been sent into school this week and when I have called parents to notify them that their child is displaying symptoms, they have stated that they know but that they have completed a home test and it was negative so they are fine. I MUST STRESS that it is ABSOLUTELY NOT FINE to send your child to school if they are showing symptoms of Coronavirus. A lateral flow test (home testing kit) is only for use if the person being tested HAS NO SYMPTOMS! If any member of your household has symptoms of Coronavirus, the whole household **must self-isolate and book a PCR test** which is processed in a laboratory. Lateral Flow tests are simply not accurate enough. They very rarely give false positive results but they do regularly give false negative results.

Settling in

I would like to assure you that our staff have been extra vigilant with regards to supporting children with their mental health and well-being and I am really happy to report that the children appear to have settled in really well and the vast majority of children are enjoying being back at school.

Reminders for parents

- Please ensure that only **one** parent enters onto the playground at drop off and collection times and please ensure that your children arrive on time (neither early or late. If children arrive late you may be asked to leave and come back once everyone has safely entered school).
- All parents (unless medically exempt) are required to wear face coverings whilst on our premises.
- **Please do NOT congregate at the gate, enter the site and ensure that you are socially distanced.**
- As soon as the member of staff appears on the playground to supervise the children in the line, please leave the site.

May I remind you that if your child (or any member of your household) has one or more of the following main COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household should self-isolate and you should book a test for the affected person only. Details of how to book a test are on our website.

Have a great weekend everyone and we will see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

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