

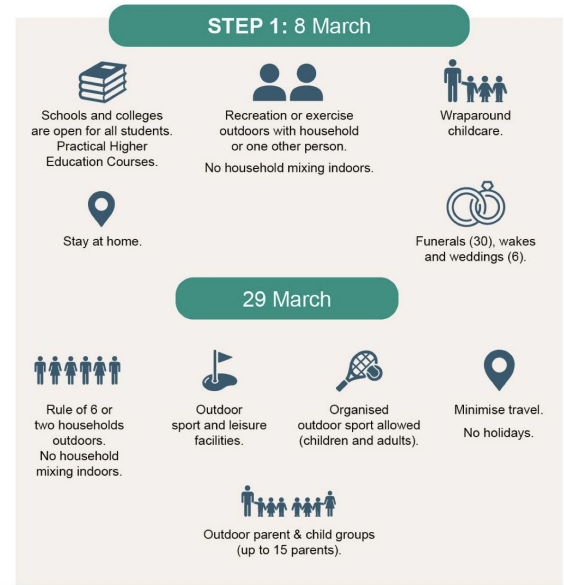
8th March Full Reopening

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were **over the Moon** to hear the news from the Prime Minister, on Monday evening, that our Stobhillgate family will soon be reunited! I am therefore writing to provide detailed information about our plans for opening, in full, from Monday 8th March. We are extremely excited to see you all!

As I'm sure you can appreciate, it will be important to continue with the alterations to the school day, which have been in place since September, in order to continue to meet government guidelines and ensure we have everything in place to keep all children and staff safe. Please ensure that you check pick up and drop off location and times as some have changed (particularly the location of Reception and Y1 drop off and pick up).

As I'm sure you can appreciate; this situation will have to be continuously monitored and we will have to respond to any changes that may occur. Whether that be due to changes to Government guidelines, staffing numbers, children or staff becoming unwell, etc. We will keep you up to date on developments as they happen.



World Book Day



We are excited to inform you that this year we have decided to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 12th March! We didn't want the children at home to miss out on all of the World Book Day fun, which is why we are celebrating it on Friday 12th. Your child can come to school dressed as a book character, or simply bring in their favourite book to share. During this week we will launch an optional sponsored read event, whereby your child can set a goal number of minutes to read for each day and gain sponsors from their family. Children can reach their goal minutes by reading books, magazines, recipes, the cereal box at breakfast, anything with words! This money will then be used to buy extra books for the library. The staff will also be competing in 'The Masked Reader', where each class will have to work together to guess who is behind the mask. Additionally, we will be running a 'book nook' competition. This is a chance for children to get creative and make a cereal box 'book nook' filled with a scene and characters from their favourite book. The winning book nooks will be hidden



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amongst books in our brand new library. Look out on our social media for more information about the competition.

Your support over the last year has been phenomenal and we can't thank you enough! Please remember that we are here to support you. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself via the school office or contact your class teacher via Seesaw/Tapestry if this is convenient for you. And lastly, on behalf of all of the staff at Stobhillgate, I would like to say thank you, let's hope we are approaching the final straight and we can look forward to a bright and safe future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Whitehead
Headteacher

Reopening Guidance

Drop-off/ Pick up procedures.

The start and end of the school day will be staggered to limit the number of parents/carers on the school site. We ask that only one adult drops off/picks up to again reduce the volume of people on the site at each time. It is **essential** that parents/carers stick to the below timings as **we will be unable to allow access to the school site for anyone arriving before this time.** You will have to wait outside of the main school gate until your allocated time slot. Can all parents/carers please ensure that they are wearing a face covering when they are on the school premises, unless you are exempt.

Group	Drop off/Pick up Location	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	Social distance line under Nursery canopy	09:00	15:10*
Reception	Social distance line along the climbing wall	08:50	15:00
Year 1	Social distance line along the climbing wall	09:00	15:10
Year 2	Social distance line leading to Miss Reeves Classroom.	08:50	15:00



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Year 3	Social distance line leading to Mr Innes Classroom.	09:00	15:10
Year 4	Social distance line leading to Miss Owens Classroom	08:50	15:00

****15hr nursery children will be collected at 12:00 from the main school entrance***

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on hand both in the morning and afternoon to sign post you to the appropriate drop off/pick up location.

In order to maintain social distancing we ask that when waiting in the line and moving around the school you adhere to the guidance. You must ensure that your children (and younger siblings) stay with you at all times. Please do not allow your children to run ahead of you and mix with others at any point whilst on the school site. Parents and carers will not be allowed into the school building and markings/signs will clearly indicate these restrictions.

If parents wish to talk to members of staff please call the school office and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

School organisation

Your child's attendance to school is under the same guidance as before lockdown, therefore, the expectation is that all children who do not have a shielding letter regarding a health condition, will return to school.

Whilst in school the children will be taught in class 'bubbles' which means that they will not mix with other children from other 'bubbles'.

It has been acknowledged that the realities of working with young children mean that the physical and social distancing being carried out in wider society are not possible to replicate in schools. Instead, we need a broader framework based on government guidance and some common sense.

- **No one with symptoms should attend school for any reason.**
- **Children or staff living with someone with symptoms should also not attend and self-isolate with the rest of the household for 10 days.**
- Physical distancing will be encouraged between children.
- Physical distancing between staff and children will be a priority for staff at all times.
- Regular hand washing / sanitising will be required, starting on arrival, and regularly throughout the day including before eating and after outdoor play, hence the need to stagger arrival times.
- Bubbles will use an allocated toilet and only one child at a time will be allowed to go in order to adhere to social distancing



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- Children in Y1-4 will have their own allocated seat and materials e.g. pencils/ruler and should not touch those of other children

Lunchtime Arrangements

- Children can order a hot meal from the school kitchen or bring their own packed lunch. If you pay for your child's school lunch, the charge for the meal will be added to your School Grid account by the catering team.
- The children will now eat their lunch in the school hall.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure children have an opportunity to have a reasonable break outside.

Handwashing must be ensured before lunch.

Uniform

All children will be expected to wear full school-uniform, as per our Uniform Policy. However, during this period children are still encouraged to wear their PE on the days they are doing PE. We will be teaching PE as much as possible outside. We will also endeavour to get children learning outside as much as possible. This has proven to be a real success over the last year and the staff and children have really enjoyed taking advantage of our school grounds. Teachers will contact parents via Tapestry and Seesaw to advise when clothing is required for Forest School and/or outdoor lessons.

New school uniform can be ordered online from our supplier, Tots to Teams. A link is available on our school website. Your order will be delivered to your home as we are unable to accept deliveries to school at this time.

Can you please ensure that your child also brings to school every day a water bottle. This will need to be taken home daily to be washed.

Before/After School Provision

Our Breakfast and After School provision continues to be available. In order to plan for any increase in numbers, we would ask that you complete the [google form](#) to indicate whether or not you will be accessing this provision. Please complete the form by Wednesday 3rd March in order for us to make the necessary arrangements.

Our school hall continues to be used for Before and After School club as this allows us to keep the children within their respective 'bubbles' whilst in the provision. Parents/carers will need to drop off and collect their children via the main school entrance. A member of staff from the Before/After School club will meet you in the main foyer for signing in and out purposes. We ask that you adhere to the social distancing lines that will be placed outside of the main entrance.

We have continuously risk assessed our provision in school since lockdown and this is something that will continue for the duration of the academic year. If you would like to find out more about our risk assessment, it will be available to view on our school website.

Home school agreement (March 2021)

We will expect parents to:

1. Respect that school is trying its best to reduce the risk to children, parents and school staff but that the risk cannot be removed completely.
2. Ensure children arrive on time, at the allocated time.
3. Arrive on time to collect their children.
4. Follow on-site queuing systems and respect staff supervising these.
5. Have only one adult from their household carry out drop offs and pick ups.
6. Have provided up-to-date telephone and email contact details to school.
7. Not loiter around the school site before or after drop offs and pick ups.
8. Provide children with a water bottle that is filled at home before coming to school each day. It will be replenished by school staff during the day. This should be taken home daily and cleaned there.
9. Contact school via telephone, school gateway or email to discuss any concerns.
10. Follow social distancing guidelines when coming to and from school.
11. Avoid using public transport to come to school if at all possible.
12. Commit to not relying on someone who may be vulnerable to carry out pick ups and drop offs on their behalf wherever possible.
13. Adhere to the Government advice that children are not to mix socially outside of school.