

Guidance for parents for September 2021



This guidance tells you all of the key information that you need to know for returning to school on **Thursday 2nd September**. Please make sure that you read this overview carefully.

It is important to note that this information does come with a warning... Our plans for September only come in to place providing the Government implement Step 4 of their Covid roadmap. If Step 4 has not been reached by September 1st 2021, the changes below will not come in to affect and all current measures (staggered start and finish times; one-way system; bubbles; social distancing; face coverings as mandatory) will remain as they currently are. Please also be aware that should an outbreak of Covid occur at any point in the school during the new term, the school may need to revert back to the current measures.

We thank all parents for their incredible efforts and support during the past eighteen months. We look forward to working with all of the children again in September.

Any questions can be answered by contacting our office team on: schooloffice@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk

What will September look like...

- In a nutshell, the school returns to how it used to be but with slightly different start times.
- There will be no set up of 'bubbles' or 'inner bubbles'.
- The timings of the day return to being the same for everyone (see section below). Please remember that we are trialling the school closing early on a Friday. Any parents, who meet our criteria, and wish to book a place in our Friday Afternoon Club must do this via Mrs Collins in the school office by no later than **9am on Thursday 2nd September**.
- FLAG Club is open before and after school every day.
- Children wear full school uniform and will still follow our 'Coronavirus Code of Conduct'.
- Families are able to bring their children to school and collect them from the time our gates open.
- All people over the age of 11 are encouraged to wear a face covering when visiting the school premises.
- Each year group will continue to have a set day for PE (see chart below). On this day, children come to school in their PE kit and stay in this throughout.

PE Days for Autumn Term		
Monday	Year 2	Year 3
Tuesday	Nursery	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1	Year 5
Thursday	Reception	Year 6

- There are five key 'control measures' which will help to keep everyone at the school safe:
 - ✓ **Nobody with symptoms comes to school**
 - ✓ **Ensure good hygiene for everyone**
 - ✓ **Enhanced cleaning regimes**
 - ✓ **Occupied spaces are ventilated**
 - ✓ **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases**
- If there is a positive case at our school, we will no longer do Track and Trace. This is left with the NHS who will contact the person who tested positive directly, along with any close contacts, providing them with self-isolation details.
- In time, parents will be allowed in school to watch assemblies and plays, etc, or to attend workshops. Visitors and volunteers are welcome again. School trips return.
- In time, face-to-face assemblies will return.



Timings of the school day...

	Mon-Thurs start	Mon-Thurs finish	Friday start	Friday finish
Nursery (mornings)	8:45am	11:45am	8:45am	11:45am
Nursery (afternoons)	12:15pm	3:15pm	<i>No session except for 30 hour funded pupils who finish at 12:45pm after the morning session.</i>	
Reception	8:45am	3:25pm	8:45am	1:00pm
Year 1 – Year 6	8:45am	3:30pm	8:45am	1:00pm
	Gates open 8:30am	Gates open 3:15pm	Gates open 8:30am	Gates open 12:45pm

Attendance...

School attendance is mandatory. The usual rules on school attendance will apply:

1. It is the parents duty to ensure their children attend school
2. The school will record attendance and follow up absence
3. Sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, will be issued if appropriate (in line with LBC's code of conduct)

Any child who is showing symptoms of Coronavirus must not attend school and must get a PCR test done immediately. All absences must be reported to the school office by telephone (as per usual procedure).

How do lunches work...

- In a nutshell, lunches return to how they used to be but remain at 45 minutes in length. Lunch takes place slightly earlier on a Friday so all children have eaten before coming home. No dinners are given without pre-payment.
- All children eat their school dinner or packed lunch in the school dining room.
- The lunch menu returns to having three options each day. The menu is being sent home next week and will also be on our school website.
- All dishes are cooked to order – children will be asked to order when they do their morning register.
- Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) receive free lunches. Any children on Financial Free School Meals (FFSM) in KS2 continue to receive free lunches. Food vouchers are sent home during holidays and also for any FFSM children during term time who test positive for Covid or are having to self-isolate as a result of Track and Trace (evidence to be seen).

What happens if my child is self-isolating...

- After Step 4 of the Government's roadmap, children only need to self-isolate if they test positive for Covid or have been told they are a close contact by the NHS.
- Remote learning will be available via Google Classroom. There will not be any 'live' lessons or meets unless a whole class (or large group of children) are all told to self-isolate (ie: an outbreak causes bubbles to return and one closes).
- Work set will match the work that is being taught in school for that week.
- Parents and children can contact teachers via the 'Stream' on Google Classroom. However, response times will be significantly slower than usual. It is to be remembered that staff are busy in school teaching classes so will only be able to look at work submitted or answer any queries at occasional times during the week.

FLAG Club and other clubs...

- FLAG Club runs from 8am until the start of the school day. It continues after school until 5:30pm. The normal entrance and exit are to be used. Places must be booked in advance: flagclub@stoplesley.primaryluton.co.uk
- Before school and after school sports clubs return. Other clubs (eg: drama, Harry Potter, Art, etc) return.

What else do I need to know...

- Ensure that your child comes to school with everything they need for the day. Parents still should only come to the main entrance in an emergency. You should communicate with the office by email or telephone and you may be asked to wait outside if picking up children early for appointments.
- During September, Staff continue to self-test (LFD) twice weekly.
- We recognise the importance of mental health and well-being for the children so we teach specific PSHE units of work at the beginning of the new school year.
- For the first two weeks of September, English and maths 'boot camps' take place. These are a rotation of speedy lessons that help children regain confidence and knowledge after a summer break.
- 1:1 or small group tuition will take place. This is funded for using 'Catch Up Premium' and 'Recovery funding'. Our strategy plans for these are available on our school website.
- Children should only bring their water bottle, reading book and their packed lunch box from home.
- Home Learning returns to normal (see curriculum newsletters in September).
- Remember, we are only ever a phone call or an email away to help.