



Please see below answers to questions posed by parents and carers from schools across the Stanley Learning Partnership. We have tried to answer as many questions as accurately as possible with the information available at the time (20.3.2020). As this is an unprecedented set of circumstances the answers to these questions may change as the situation with COVID-19 develops and we ask for your understanding and consideration when reading the guidance below.

SCHOOL CLOSURE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHOOL WORK FOR YOUR CHILD/REN

How do I home school my child?

We have already sent work home with children for week one (w/c 23rd March). Do not worry if you did not receive this due to self-isolation, more work will be produced throughout the school closure.

Given the timescales which we are up against, if you did not receive it your child will not be expected to complete it.

My child has already completed week one work?

Thank you. More work will be produced on a week by week basis.

How can I access more work for my child?

Work for week two onwards will be published on your school website. This will be done on a week by week basis.

Your child's work will be located on their class page so please ensure you know which class they are in. Also, teachers may upload details of websites where you and your child can access age-appropriate learning resources and games.

What if I don't understand how to do it?

There will be no new learning included in the work given, therefore, everything we include in work packs or online will be work children have already covered.

Encourage the children to try their best and leave anything they are struggling with.

How long should children study each day?

Be realistic. We understand you are not teachers but want the best for your children. Do as much as you can, when you can. You are not being judged.

If it helps, you may want to think about introducing a timetable to your day so the children have structure.

Try and make it fun for each other as this is a difficult enough time for everyone.

What if we keep running out of work to do?

There will be a number of free resources posted on your school's website that you are encouraged to access should you run out of work.

Alternatively, read a book.

What if the internet goes down?

Unfortunately, we cannot control everything and if this happens then it is unfortunate. If so, refer to our previous suggestion.

Can children share work online?

We will be running various online initiatives whilst closed so continue to check our Facebook page for what they are and how your child can join in.

CONTACTING SCHOOL DURING CLOSURE

How do I contact school during closure?

Please only contact school if it is absolutely necessary. You can do this via telephone but please be aware that school offices will not be staffed at all times.

Do not, under any circumstance, visit the school site unless you have permission to do so.

What should I do if I have concerns over a child?

First Contact Safeguarding concerns to report children in danger or causing real concern – 03000 267 979.

If you feel in need of extra support and would benefit from some early help or family support, please contact One Point on 03000 261 111.

KEY WORKERS

What is a key worker?

As this classification system is under constant review please refer in the first instance to the Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

SCHOOL MEALS

My child/ren is eligible for Free School Meals. How will I get this meal for them?

If your child/ren has Free School Meals please contact their school directly as each school is operating their own system.

Do not, under any circumstance, share your bank details with anyone.

I have just topped up my school meals via ParentPay. What happens with this money?

This will remain on your balance for when school re-opens.

RE-OPENING

When will school re-open to pupils?

We cannot answer this and will be led by Government guidance.

What do I do when the Government announce schools to be open?

Information and instructions as to what to do will be posted on your school Facebook page and on the COVID-19 page of our school website (in the Parents' section).

My child goes to secondary school / starts school in September. What happens if schools do not re-open until then?

Again, we cannot answer this question at the moment.

As with the above, once we know when schools will re-open we will be more equipped to provide an answer.

Will the term dates be affected or changed due to school closures?

Regrettably, we cannot answer this question at this early stage; a decision will be made by Government and shared in due course.

SATS

What happens with Y6 SATs?

The Government have already advised that SATs 2020 will be cancelled. This decision will not change.

Now that SATs are cancelled, how will children be assessed?

Again, we are waiting for guidance from the Government on this. Stanley Learning Partnership will act in accordance with this decision.

Parents of Y6 children will be contacted directly with their child's outcomes in due course.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

I am worried about children being on the streets.

Regrettably, there is very little school can do about anti-social behaviour during this time, therefore, we would ask all parents to keep children in doors during school hours and work as a family to ensure we do not see a rise in this within our community.

FINANICAL STABILITY

I am concerned that due to lack of childcare I may not be able to work, therefore, I will struggle financially.

We anticipate the Government will continue to advise the public as to what to do in such instances.

Please continue to keep abreast with the news as this is where you will source the answer to this question.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you feel you need further advice or guidance with a school related matter during school closure, you are welcome to contact Mark Stewart CEO. However, please only do this if it is absolutely necessary.

Mark will endeavour to reply to your email as soon as possible.

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