

STANTONBURY SCHOOL

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10th September 2021

Dear Stantonbury families

I want to start by thank you all for the positivity and energy you and your child has brought to the start of this term. I want to thank you for the welcome bunting has been hung at the school entrances, for organising your child's uniform so they can start the term looking so amazing, for supporting the testing and for patience and understanding as we put measures in place to develop our new school.

Testing

Thank you for your support with our onsite testing prior to students returning to school.

All students have now had the opportunity to be tested. Any student who was absent or unable to be tested on the timetabled times have been invited to test this morning. On Monday 13th September we will be distributing home testing kits which are similar to the ones students have experienced on site this week. We would ask that students test on Monday and Thursday before school and log the result on the government website and with the school.

Reporting a Student Absence

If your child is not going to be in school, then we ask that you contact the school before 9am on the day of absence via:

Absence Line – 01908 324411 and leave a message

Email – absence@stantonbury.org.uk

Please add the details surrounding the absence in order for us to update our records.

If your child is off for 2 days and no reason is provided the tutor will be in contact to ascertain a reason and offer any support if needed.

Breakfast Club

From Tuesday from next week to support our students, we are proposing to restart breakfast club from 8.20-8.50 every morning. It will be open to all our students and if you are interested, please email your child's Student Support Leader for further details. Contact details for all your child key staff are available in the Head of Year letter attached

Supporting our SEND students - attached

Please see the attached information regarding a series of workshops that are being delivered by MK SENDIAS service, they will be delivered online via MS Teams and places will be secured by pre booking. In addition, there is information on an online workshop on Monday



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20th September, which will take place via MS Teams between 10 – 11 regarding the Code of Practice and the implementation of it in schools through the Graduated Approach.

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

From next week the PE team will be running the following clubs. A full list of all the enrichment opportunities will be published next week.

Clubs		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8-11 Mixed Rugby	9-11 Netball – ESM	Yr 7- 8 Netball
All age group Badminton	7&8 Girls Futsall	Yr 8 Boys Futsall
All age group Table Tennis –	7-9 Boys Football - JGO/ALE	10-11 Boys Football
	10-11 Basketball - DBR	7-9 Basketball –

Catering

Following the welcome return of all of the students I am pleased to confirm that full Catering Services have resumed in two locations on site and would like to take this opportunity to inform you of what is available.

The Diner

Years – 8, 10 and 11 will have access to the Diner at both break and lunch.

On offer at break time will be freshly made sandwiches, hot paninis, toasties and wraps as well as a selection of snacks and drinks. At lunch time there will be again sandwiches available, as well as three hot food choices from the hot counters. Choices will include jacket potatoes, hot pasta and sauce and a main dish item. There will also be a hot pudding available daily.

Deli Café

Years 7 & 9 will have access to the Deli Café at both break and lunch. Students in the 6th Form can access the Deli throughout the school day.

The food available will be exactly the same as the Diner, to ensure every student has the opportunity to experience the same choices of food in both outlets.

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The Diner and the Deli Café are both cashless systems, please top up via your ParentPay account. If you need any assistance, please contact the Finance Department finance@stantonbury.org.uk

We also cater for special dietary requirements, if you are aware that your child has a specific dietary requirement please inform us or ask your child to get in touch with the catering department by email to frankie.smith@stantonbury.org.uk

Parking

I am writing to ask for your support with the parking situation around school. Unfortunately, in just the few days we have been back, we have had a number of complaints from our neighbours and have seen examples of poor and dangerous parking on the roads outside school.

Please can I remind you not to park in the staff car park or the identified disabled bays. Similarly, the bays at the Specialist Memory Centre are for patients only. Parents should not be parking here as this inconveniences patient who need to get in and out of spaces. Please also do not park on corners and junctions or on the roundabout. This makes it difficult for drivers to see and is a traffic offence and please stick to speed limits on the roads around the school.

I understand that parking and dropping your child off is difficult and it is trickier now that the top car park is being used by New Build contractors. Can I please ask that you continue to use the designated drop off on the roundabout across the road and for your child to use the underpass and crossing to get onto the school site.

I need your help to keep everyone safe and maintain positive relations with our neighbours. Thank you for your support with this.

GO4schools

Next week you will be receiving further details on our new parent app that will enable you to monitor your child's Attendance and Behaviour in school. I am aware that some of you had previously used the SIMS parent app but this app is no longer in use. Thank you for your patience whilst we set this up.

New build - attachment

As you have probably noticed the new building is flying up. I was lucky enough to have a tour around the site this week and it is truly incredible. It is going to be a wonderful asset for our children, and it won't be long until we are in. We are on target to move into the building when we return after the Christmas break. I have attached Keir's latest newsletter to give you some more information.

Year 7 Open Evening

On Thursday 23rd September from 15.30- 18.30 we will be showcasing our wonderful school and students. This is the first opportunity in nearly two years that we will have parents on



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site, and we want it to be special. Your child's teachers may be asking for their help within their department on the evening as we tour groups of prospective families around our site.

Meet the Team

After the success of the virtual Coffee events, I would like to extend the offer and host a Face-to-Face coffee afternoon and tour of the school. It has been too long since we have had our families on site, and I would like to give you the first chance to see the building where your children are taught. If you are interested and available at 4pm on Thursday 16th September, please email alyson.taylor@stantonbury.org.uk to put your name on the list.

Final thoughts

I genuinely feel incredibly privileged to be working with such an amazing group of adults and children at Stantonbury and I know that this year is going to be very special.

In their welcome assemblies this week I have met with every one of our students and relayed the same clear message. We want all our children to be 'Happy' and 'Safe' and if they don't for any reason, they know that they have a trusted adult that they can talk to.

Throughout their first week they would have heard and will continue to hear 'Be Here, Be Ready, Be Learning'. Our focus, our mantra! Everything we do will be centered around these three priorities. Targeting every student's attendance, questioning every late and exploring every day off. Ensuring our commitment to each other and to our students to get everyday routines and habits consistent so they are evident every lesson, day, week and Term. Raising the quality of our teaching and learning in every one of our lessons with our non-negotiable 'Do Now's'.

Our approach is to inspire and engage our learners through a wide range of positive experiences. Nurtured through praise, encouragement, acknowledgement of success we will find a way to help every student work hard, achieve highly, and fulfil their potential as Respectful, Responsible and Resilient citizens who are proud to claim that they are part of the Stantonbury tradition.

Crucially, by building our relationships with you, our families and investing in the development of our staff, we will cultivate an excellent learning environment in which all our children can flourish. I said it to all the students and staff, and I meant it, it will be my actions that will communicate my commitment to you, to the students of Stantonbury school and to this community. We can set our expectations high and help our children meet those expectations while we hold them accountable. We can be the calm voice in the crisis. We can speak with reason when emotions are high, and our actions will speak louder than our words. However we can't do it alone we need your support, our communication with each other is vital to the success of our school. I am sincere when I say my door is always open and I listen. I cannot always afford you the luxury of having your way, but I hope as a parent you will always feel that I value your time and, more importantly, that I value you and your child.



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I am so excited as we start our new journey. I hope you all have a great weekend and remember, Be here, Be Ready, Be Learning.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Wilson".

Ben Wilson
Associate Principal