

Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Omicron update

Hope you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas season. We have been very busy at school with our plans and there is lots of super learning going on.

I am writing to you with reference to the information about the new Covid variant and the amended DfE guidance for schools:-

Stanford is now politely requesting that parents/carers wear masks when on the playground and help reduce social contact where possible. This may mean waiting whilst someone else passes out the gate etc.

As before, please can you avoid coming to the school office, unless it is an emergency. The school office can be contacted by email and phone. The office team will do their best to respond to queries in a reasonable time frame. We will be continuing to limit visitors into the school building too.

We are carefully monitoring any Covid cases and numbers. As you will be aware, the guidance re 'contacts' has changed again and anyone who has been in contact with the Omicron variant will now need to isolate. We understand that these individuals will be contacted and informed to isolate by Track and Trace.

Regarding Christmas plans at school :-

We had planned well in advance to ensure a range of learning opportunities were available and, fingers crossed, most of our plans can still go ahead but with news at the weekend of this new variant, we have had to amend and postpone some of the planned events. I have outlined the information below and thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

- If pupils would like to send a Christmas card, please can this be one card for the class rather than lots of cards for individuals.
- Carols on the playground (7th and 8th Dec) hopefully can still go ahead, but we will send out further details asking for your help to maintain social distancing from one another, wear masks when on the playground and unfortunately, we have had to decide that refreshments will no longer be available.
- Whole school panto trip on the 14th December has had to be postponed - we are very sad about this but the good news is, that when things settle back down, the cinema has proposed we can still visit (even if it is next year) so let's try to look forward to that - the office team will endeavour to reimburse you by the same payment methods by 31st January 2022. As an alternative, we will be enjoying a film with our class on this day with a cone of sweet treats.
- Class parties will still be going ahead on the 16th Dec - scopy donations will be set up this week by the school office and a little note about the organisation will be sent shortly.

- Our wonderful enterprise projects from each class are now available to buy on Scopay. Pupils have been working hard to design, create and evaluate their products to sell, calculating costings and advertising these- well done to all the pupils and staff for their work on this.
- We also have the FS/Y1 slideshow to look forward to.
- Thank you so much for your kind donations towards the school Christmas Raffle. Local businesses have also kindly supported us. The live raffle is still planned for the 9th December at 3.45 pm with Mrs Smith and Miss King leading this live on our school Facebook. Please buy a raffle ticket or two on Scopay, as there are some great prizes available to the lucky winners including a cash prize!
- Year 2 and year 4 singers hopefully will still be able to perform outside Cloverdale residential home on the 10th December (Christmas songs for the residents) - thank you Mrs Brady and Miss Perrin for leading on this.
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch are still on for the 10th Dec too.
- Polar Express Day on the 9th Dec for FS/1 and St Nicholas Day on the 15th Dec for Yr 2s will still be going ahead - thank you to the FS/KS 1 staff for organising these.
- Cards and calendars will also be shared with home - pupils are really enjoying making and creating these.
- Own clothes day on the last day of term too (for fun no donations)!
- Term finishes on Fri 17 th Dec, at 2 pm.
- Out of School Club will also finish early at 4.00pm so please make arrangements for you child/ren to be collected.

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa is very busy again this year but we hope he is going to make a visit to the school, if his busy diary allows.

I will aim to send out a school newsletter at the end of term too, but in the meantime, I would just like to say thank you for all your help and support this term - it has been another memorable one for lots of reasons and we really do appreciate our strong links with parents and carers.

I will of course keep you updated with any other news and/or changes to our plans but we really do hope everyone enjoys the festivities, even if it is in a slightly different way than we may have hoped!

Thank you

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