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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone managed to have a restful October break, and you and your families are staying safe and well. With the current restrictions we're living with, it is understandable if many of us are continuing to feel anxious and worried. In school, we are supporting children with an enhanced Health and Wellbeing curriculum, that includes more outdoor learning, and a focus on understanding our emotions, along with the words, actions, feelings and behaviours that go along with these emotions.

As adults, we all have our mental health to consider too. Just like our physical health, all of us will have times when our mental health is not as good as we would like. It's important to recognise this and take steps to address it.

To find out more about how to support your own mental health, or that of friends and family, please follow this link to the [Scottish Association for Mental Health \(SAMH\)](#).

Take care,
Ms. Laura Simpson (Head Teacher)

Halloween Fun

Well done to everyone for supporting our Parent Council fundraising at Halloween last week! The Halloween sweetie cones looks amazing and proved to be very popular.

It was great to see so many wonderful costumes, and it certainly added to the role-play games in the playground!

We managed to raise £200, which is hugely appreciated in such tough times.



Health and Safety Information

I would like to thank everyone for their support and compliance with the new procedures we have in place. A risk assessment was carried out before the start of term, and is updated as necessary. You can view the latest risk assessment here:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stanepprimary/?page_id=6667

Please note the following key points:

LATEST GUIDANCE: Face coverings MUST be worn by adults who are able to do so when dropping off/picking-up children from school, including outside the school gate.

- It is essential that adults stay 2 metres away from each other and do not gather at the exits. As well as the increased COVID risk, this causes anxiety for those who have to walk through crowds.
- Please arrive just in time for your child's drop-off/pick-up time to avoid congestion, and leave immediately afterwards.
- Children must wear face coverings on school transport, including school taxis.

It is very important that NOBODY attends school if they have any symptoms, or if anyone in their household displays symptoms of the virus, or a member of their household is waiting for a test/results:

- New continuous cough (a cough that lasts more than an hour or 3 episodes of coughing in 24 hours)
- Fever/high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If you, your child, or someone in your household have any symptoms you must immediately self-isolate and book a test via the NHS Inform website before informing the school. If during the school day a child develops symptoms, they will be moved to a room with a member of staff and you will be asked to collect them. Staff will use face masks/appropriate PPE.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week starts on 16th November, and with that being an Inset Day, we'll have related activities across the school from Tuesday 17th, including a virtual assembly on staying safe.

Through class discussions, and when incidents arise, we are always reminding children of the messages around bullying. NLC's definition of bullying is taken from [Respect Me](#), Scotland's anti-bullying service.



Provision for families that are self-isolating.

Stane Primary and North Lanarkshire Council have put in place a comprehensive strategy to support families if they have to self-isolate for any period of time. Parents should inform the school as soon as possible if you, your child, or someone in your household have any symptoms you must immediately self-isolate and book a test via NHS Inform.

- The school informs North Lanarkshire Council.
- The school informs families of what Learning Materials are available and how to access them.
- An email will be sent to parents with further supports and additional learning materials.
- Community Assistance contacts the family to support (e.g., Free School Meals so that vouchers can be sent to families to continue the provision of daily meals).
- The school will contact the family by telephone each week of isolation.

It is essential that the school has your up to date phone number(s) and email address.

Help and support will be available throughout and we encourage you to contact us if you need anything at all!

School Newsletter November 2020



Along with our newsletters, we also have our school website (search Stane Primary, we're the top result!), where you will find general school information and links to files to help support learning at home.

To keep your finger on the pulse of the exciting and varied activities going on across the school, we would encourage you to follow us on Twitter @staneprimary

Road Safety

Recently a few parents have been in touch as they are concerned about the safety of children crossing the road near the school and Herbison Crescent.

I understand that it can be difficult to find a space near the school but where possible please park further along the road and walk to collect your child from school. Some children may struggle to see past parked cars when crossing the road.

Through class discussions, and when incidents arise, we are always reminding children of the messages around road safety.

Diary Dates

Monday 16 th November 2020	In Service Day - children should not attend
Friday 27 th November 2020	Dress Down Day (Donations welcome)
Wednesday 23 rd December 2020 - Tuesday 5 th January 2021 (inclusive)	Christmas and New Year Holidays