



# Stamford Green

## Primary School and Nursery



### TOGETHERNESS

Welcome to our School Newsletter - Issue 1 - 5 September 2023

## Headteacher's Headlines

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to the new academic year, especially if you are joining Stamford Green. The staff on the gates in the morning are there to help so feel free to come and chat or ask any questions.

This is just a quick newsletter to keep you updated on a few things just before term starts so thank you in advance for reading.

### Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

I am sure that the you will have seen the news and issues RAAC is presenting for some schools. Surrey County Council are the responsible body for our school building and we have completed every return and building survey required as well as following all DfE guidance that has been issued. As a result we are currently unaffected and will be operating as usual.

The government has asked me to share the following guide to RAAC in education settings with you. <http://tinyurl.com/2vwuaveb>

### Emails

On Monday the Office team received training from a productivity ninja! The focus was primarily on email and we were not surprised to learn that over 238 billion emails were sent last year, and it is increasing year on year. We then reviewed our systems and processes and wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that the email addresses they should use are as follows:

- For general communications:  
[parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)
- For Extended Services:  
[es@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:es@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)
- For safeguarding/child protection concerns:  
[dsl@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)

Please note that emails sent to any other accounts will not be read and will be deleted so that work is not duplicated for staff. Behind the scenes we have a system to ensure the people who need to read and respond as necessary will get your email if the system above is followed. Thank you for your cooperation.

## News In Brief

### What shall I do if my child is ill and cannot come to school?

The **only way** to report an absence is via the Google Form, which can be found by clicking on our website homepage.

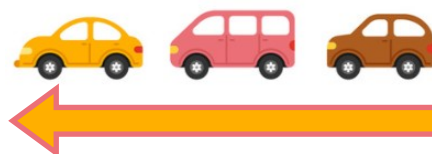
Please do not call the school or tell us in person.

### Is my child too ill for school?

NHS guidance on the link below may be of use:  
<http://tinyurl.com/wruranef>

### What time should my child be at school?

Gates open at 8.35am and the children then have some valuable time to catch up with their friends as well as some early bird maths so make sure your child does not miss out if they are late.



Thank you for still remembering to follow the preferred route round **Christ Church Mount** and keeping the school to your left!

Please scroll down

## End of day messages

Any change to non-emergency 'going home' arrangements for your children such as playdates or East/West Gate meeting points should ideally be written in the message books at the start of the day. If this is not possible then a call to the Office should be made by 12.45pm at the latest. This is so that class teachers can pick up the messages before the end of the day.

It is essential that you inform the class teacher if somebody else is to collect your child. We would respectfully ask adults not to take anybody else's child home, before the school has verified this arrangement with the parents.

Key Stage 1 children must be collected by an adult (of at least 16 years old).

## Staffing Update

A warm welcome to the new Teaching Assistants that will be found working across the school and nursery, as well as Sunset and Sunrise: Miss Smith, Mrs Kelly, Miss Daniels, Miss Klodod, Mrs Laming, Miss Costello and Mrs Kazi.

Congratulations to Miss Marasigan who is now Mrs Ravago after getting married this summer.

Congratulations to Mrs Blackler who is expecting twins in January! Mrs Fahey is returning from maternity leave after half term so there will be time for the children in 1B to get to know their new teacher, before Mrs Blackler starts her maternity leave. Mrs Fahey has been a Y2 teacher at Stamford Green prior to her maternity leave.

Unfortunately, Mrs McCarthy had a nasty fall last week and is unable to start the year with RM, she is so upset to miss them on their first few days. Therefore, Mrs Howe will be with the class until Mrs McCarthy is able to be at school. Mrs Howe is an early years specialist with many years experience. She cared for my son, who is now taller than me, when he was at Nursery so the children in RM are in very safe, capable and caring hands.

## Nursery are home!

Over the summer holidays the Cygnets and Swans moved in together so Nursery is now together in one bespoke building. The old Cygnets room, the Club Room, has been refurbished and will be used as a teaching space and also by Sunset.



On the last page of the newsletter (scroll down) are some back to school hints and tips that you may find useful.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Mrs Druce  
Headteacher



## Adjust

After a long break allow time to adjust back to routine.

Whilst you may cope better with back to routines others in your family may not. We are all different - thats okay.

## Check in

Check in with yourself and your kids to see what is working for you or what may be a struggle. A great time to do this might be at meal times of asking "it makes me happy/sad when...."

## Listen

As a parent it is easy to listen to our kids but feel in the blanks with our own thoughts often from our experience. Try and hear from their perspective and acknowledge their feelings not yours.

## Night Before Prep

As a family try and prep the night before, pack the bags, do lunch, lay out uniform. This allows more time in the morning to cope with any wobbles or reduce the panic "I haven't got/We are late etc.."

## Support

Depending on age try and see if your child can come up with what they might need to support themselves by taking ownership ask; How could you make it better? What do you think you need? What can you change?

## Find the joy

Some kids love school but sadly not all, it can be overwhelming. Set them the challenge of finding joy of something in the morning and afternoon which they share with you. You have to do it too! Write them on a board/ put in a jar etc