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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you for your positive approach to our blended learning, either from home or for those critical workers requiring a school place, within school. Children are engaged in their learning and enthusiastic in their contact with school and we really appreciate the support you are able to offer your child at this challenging time.

## COVID update

Unfortunately, since we have returned to school, I have had to report our first positive cases of Covid-19 to you. Each time we have a positive case inside school we are required by Public Health England to notify all parents (regardless if your child is affected) in a general letter. Following feedback from parents, in the future (should I need to do this again) I will try and make it clearer that this is a new case. So far I have notified you of two cases inside school. Also the school has been made aware of one other case, within the school community (but outside of the school setting) which did not affect either any pupils or staff.

Please be aware that any children who are directly affected by the case and identified as a possible contact, will be informed of the need to isolate will be contacted by a separate email. I hope that this resolves any queries that you may have. I have attached a leaflet from Hampshire County Council with some useful information on what to look out for and how to report it.

## Site Safety

To enable us to keep everyone safe and minimise the number of people on site, please only send your child in to school if there is no alternative.

## Support with remote learning

We have been notified by the Department for Education that we may be able to apply for some laptops for our pupils to use who may not have access to technology at home and are therefore unable to access remote learning. If you are in this situation, please email the school with details of why you may be entitled to one of these laptops and how they would benefit your child.

You may also be interested in receiving more information to support your child with on-line learning. Lorraine Lee, who has a background in child development and psychology and has three of her own children and has also worked with parents in the local area, is running two on-line workshops:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Establishing Positive Online Learning Habits (4-11 years)

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Helping Young People Learn Effectively from Home (11-16 years)

There is a small charge for each workshop and details can be found by following the link <https://www.lorrainelee.org/>

## Online Safety

Children and young people spend a lot of time online – and during this period of blended learning, now more than ever. It can be a great way for them to socialise, explore and have fun but children also face risks such as cyber bullying or seeing content that's inappropriate. That's why it's important for them to know how to stay safe online.

Whether you're unsure about what happens online or are up to speed with new technology, it's important that you talk to your child about staying safe. Children at Stoke Park Junior School are taught about the importance of online safety from an early stage. Children are introduced to SMART (Safe, Meet, Acceptable, Reliable, Tell) guidelines, which are displayed in all areas of the school, for keeping safe and are reminded of these regularly. Should you wish to report an issue concerning online safety please email [safe@stokeparkjunior.co.uk](mailto:safe@stokeparkjunior.co.uk). For those pupils in school, they can also report an issue via one of our gold online safety worry boxes that are located around the school and in their classroom.

It may feel daunting, but you don't need to be an expert on the internet. Understanding what children do online and the risks they face will help you keep your child safe online. You can find out how to do this on our school online safety page -

[www.stokeparkjunior.co.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.stokeparkjunior.co.uk/onlinesafety)

## Stubbington Residential

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions, the planned residential (booked for March 2021) has been cancelled. We will send out a letter to parents of pupils who had signed up for this trip with details of how to claim your refund.

Parents of pupils currently in Year 3 will receive a letter inviting you to apply for a place in next year's residential, when we are hopefully in more normal times. This trip always proves incredibly popular with children; more information of the range of fantastic opportunities and activities on offer at Stubbington can be found on the Stubbington website. A deposit, which can be paid through your SCOPay account, will secure a place for your child – this must be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> January at the very latest.

We are still awaiting news from Condover Hall.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

A new Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide for Adults is now live. It provides information and links to help those aged 18+ in Hampshire find the right support and advice if they, or others around them, are struggling right now. <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/adultservices/HCC-Wellbeing-Guide-Adults.pdf>

Thank you for your continuing support during these uncertain times.

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