

STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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A "Sense of Pride"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we break up to half term, we must reflect on the positives of the return back to school since September. We were pleased to be able to have many events such as a family sports evening, after school clubs and workshops resuming after such a difficult 18 months with social distancing! To have the pupils back together with face-to-face assemblies again, seeing the children eager to learn, singing, laughing and playing together, has been a pleasure to see and hear. Thank you to our parents who have been helping in school with reading and other activities; your support in school is always very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, Covid cases have continued to rise since I last wrote to you.

Table showing number of cases of Covid in each class at the current time

Class	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
S	0	6	5	7
P	0	14	3	1
J	5	11	1	2

(These numbers include 4 members of staff.)

We hope that any children, staff and families who are currently unwell, get better very soon so that everyone can enjoy half term. If you require any support, please email the school office.

To help mitigate against the spread of the virus further, in line with Public Health guidance, and information from the London Covid Protection Team/Response Cell (LCRC) we are introducing a few additional measures to keep everyone safe when returning after half term.

We would ask all parents to do a Lateral Flow Test with their child/children prior to returning to school after half term. If it is positive, you must arrange a PCR immediately and stay off school. We recommend that your child completes daily lateral flow tests over half term in order to reduce any time required to isolate and reduce the amount of time away from school. Tests are free and can be ordered by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Please report any positive PCRs by email to the office (office@spjs.org) despite it being half term.

If you suspect your child is unwell due to Covid, then please immediately arrange a PCR test. In addition, although the government's current guidance says that children (and staff) need to be in school if well enough whilst awaiting the result of a PCR test, we would like to kindly request support from our whole school community in this instance, by remaining at home, until the result is known. This includes when getting a PCR for your child if any other member of the house tests positive for Covid.

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It is important that you email the office to let us know when a PCR test is being taken, along with an indication of why this is being taken. This allows us to code the attendance register accordingly and will ensure that your child is set remote learning on Google Classroom. When you get the result, please email the office to let us know, whether positive or negative, along with the NHS email/text. Many thanks for your kind co-operation which will undoubtedly ensure that all staff and children remain safe and well.

Existing arrangements will be refined to minimise mixing between year groups. For example, we will reintroduce a one-way system around school. Assemblies will take place in year group bubbles only or virtually and the library/hut will not be open as it was.

With regards to school trips, we will ensure visits out of school are to Covid-secure premises and such events will have a detailed school risk assessment.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support to the school and to thank our amazing pupils for showing resilience and positivity.

Thank you to all the SPJS staff for your hard work this half term and for your enthusiasm in providing children with so many amazing opportunities to learn, play and thrive. Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy half term and we look forward to seeing you back with us on Monday 1st November.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Lamy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Lamy
Headteacher