



Stanhope Primary and Nursery School
Creating a Love of Learning for Life.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the update provided by Mrs. Lindsay yesterday regarding our ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of excellence at Stanhope Primary School, where all children can thrive.

I want to extend my gratitude for the warm welcomes and greetings during the morning routines. It has been a pleasure to meet and speak with many of you throughout the week. I will continue to be present at the school gates before and after school to welcome you and wish you a lovely evening each day.

In my role, I am committed to ensuring a strong and effective leadership structure is in place across the school. I am pleased to share that the children have returned to school this week with great enthusiasm, even in the face of extremely cold weather conditions. I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support, particularly during the recent closure of the school due to heating system issues. These decisions are never taken lightly, and I will always do my utmost to minimise disruption to learning and ensure every child can attend school every day.

This week and next, our staff will be hosting meetings regarding key assessments taking place later in the year, including Phonics, KS1 SATs, the Year 4 Multiplication Check, and KS2 SATs. Your participation and support in these events are greatly appreciated. Working together in partnership is essential to helping our children reach their full potential.

I wish you all a lovely weekend ahead and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

The Stanhope Way – School Rules



Be kind



Be safe



Be your best self



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Safeguarding Message – your school DSL's

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the following Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs) for the school:

- **Miss Messom**
- **Miss Robyn**
- **Miss Wright**

Additionally, I am safeguarding trained and available to support with any concerns you may have.

Adjustments in school

We would like to inform you of a small yet meaningful adjustment to our daily timetable that is aimed at further enhancing our children's overall personal development and well-being.

Starting this term, the format for the afternoon break time will be slightly modified. In addition to the 15-20 minutes of break each morning and the full 60-minute lunch break, we are introducing structured activities that focus on supporting children's academic, social, and emotional development. This time will now also incorporate activities such as movement exercises, mindfulness, and other tasks designed to promote focus, personal growth, and well-being.

We understand the important role breaks play in a child's day. Therefore, we are carefully balancing structured activities with opportunities for rest and movement to maintain engagement and energy levels throughout the day. These changes have been thoughtfully planned with your child's best interests in mind, ensuring they continue to receive the necessary time for relaxation and development.

We believe that these adjustments will help provide a more enriching experience for all students, supporting their growth both inside and outside the classroom. Rest assured, our priority remains to foster an environment where every child can thrive.

If you have any questions or would like further information about these changes, please don't hesitate to reach out and speak to me during drop off and collection or your class teacher.



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School Rules

Staff have been further refining the use of The Stanhope Way rules of 'Be Kind and Be Safe' this week. Through consistent and supportive language, we are helping all of our children thrive and follow these important values.

You may start to hear staff and children using terms like "Fantastic Walking" and "Fantastic Listening" as part of our shared approach to praising and recognising the children for their positive behaviour. These simple phrases are a way to celebrate and encourage the children for their efforts in following The Stanhope Way.

It has been wonderful to observe how the children are responding to this approach and watch as they continue to grow in kindness and safety every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr White and Miss Messom