

Stoneygate Nursery School



Newsletter

Autumn 2021 Term 1

Welcome back to our returning children, and a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families this Autumn term.

We are very excited to introduce you to our new teacher, Mrs Vaishali Patel.

Vaishali is an Early Years trained teacher and has been teaching in primary schools in London and Lancashire for 9 years. She has joined us from Griffin Park Primary School in Blackburn. She is very passionate about children getting the absolute best start in their educational life and looks forward to meeting all the parents and getting to know all the children.

If you haven't done so already, please feel free to introduce yourself to her.



Arrivals and departures



Please arrive promptly at the start and end of your child's sessions.

As per the Government guidelines, parents are not encouraged to enter the setting and children are to be handed over to staff at the door/gate. However, if your child is nervous and unsure, we will look at ways to allow you to settle your child.

Little Gems:

Parents are asked to access the main entrance via the pavement on Stoneygate Walk and follow the one-way system exiting via the gate to the left.

Jewels:

Parents are asked to use the entrance on Lennox Street. The gates will be open for 10 minutes at the start and end of each session, if you arrive outside of these times please use the front entrance.

Attendance and Absence

As a maintained nursery school we are expected to record, track and monitor each child's attendance and we are pleased that a large majority of our children attend regularly which shows in their progress and achievement. Children who do not attend well, have big gaps in their learning and find it difficult to sustain friendships with other children.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, for whatever reason, then please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

If your child is going to be absent due to a family holiday or a religious observance, then please request a Holiday & Leave of Absence Request Form from the office.

There are various ways that you can contact us:

- Telephone: 01772 257865
- Email: admin@stoneygate.lancs.sch.uk
- Whatsapp: 07915913714 (messages only)

Children's Belongings

Please leave a bag in school at the beginning of every week containing nappies and spare clothes etc. These will be sent home on Friday. All bags, clothing, coats and footwear **MUST** be named.

If your child stays for lunch, please send it in a named lunch box or bag.



Contact Details

Have you recently moved house or changed your telephone/mobile number?



Please let our office staff know of any change in details as soon as possible so that we can update our records and can contact you in case of an emergency.

Facebook

We use Facebook to post information, classroom activities and events. Please like and share our Facebook page to ensure that you get notifications.

If you are not a Facebook user, you can access the page via our website.

<https://stoneygate-nursery.co.uk/>



COVID 19 Update

We are continuing to follow government guidelines with regard to COVID 19.

Although the wearing of face masks is now optional, it is still recommended that face coverings are worn in enclosed spaces and crowded areas. Therefore, we respectfully ask all parents/carers and visitors please **avoid crowding** together when dropping off and picking up children from nursery. Wherever possible, please **keep a distance** from other families **or** wear a face covering.

It also remains important to get your child tested for Covid-19 if they show any of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius or higher)
- Loss of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing



It is vital that you let us know if your child has symptoms and the results of any coronavirus tests.

Please consider requesting lateral flow tests for your family, from the link below, to ensure your family's safety, and therefore the safety of those in your family comes into contact with.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Illness

It is that time of year again where we start to see an increase in illnesses such as coughs and colds. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell in any way and contact the school office to notify us of the reason for your child's absence. Contact your family GP for advice if you are at all unsure about their symptoms.

School Fund Donations

We provide children with **daily healthy snacks** which include; fresh milk and water, fresh fruit, toast, bread sticks, etc.

As part of our curriculum we also **provide resources** such as; ingredients for baking, gardening supplies, Christmas presents, farm visits and **seasonal activities** e.g. butterfly hatching.

In order to help fund these, we ask families for a **voluntary contribution** of £2 per week, per family.

This half term is **7 weeks** up to 22nd October 2021. Therefore, we kindly ask for a suggested donation of **£14**. You can send this into school in an envelope with your child's name on, or, if you prefer to pay by bank transfer, then please contact the office for our bank details.

Many thanks to those families who have already sent in donations, it is very much appreciated.

THANKS A BUNCH!




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parent governor**

at our wonderful maintained nursery school?

As a governor you will receive support/training for this role.

Interested?

Please telephone: 01772 257865

Email: bursar@stoneygate.lancs.sch.uk





Term Dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Staff Inset Days	Wednesday 1st September Thursday 2nd September
School re-opens	Friday 3rd September
Close after school	Friday 22nd October
Mid-term closure	Monday 25th to Friday 29th October
Staff Inset Day	Monday 1st November
School re-opens	Tuesday 2nd November
Christmas closure after school	Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January
School re-opens	Wednesday 5 th January
Close after school	Friday 11th February
Mid-term closure	Monday 14th to Friday 18th February
School re-opens	Monday 21st February
Spring closure after school	Friday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2022

School re-opens	Wednesday 20th April
May Bank Holiday Closure	Monday 2nd May
School re-opens	Tuesday 3rd May
Close after school	Friday 27th May
Mid-term closure	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
School re-opens	Monday 6th June
Summer closure after school	Thursday 21st July