

Stanford Infant School



Parent Class Representatives – FAQ's

Below are responses to the most common items raised at Parent Class Rep Meetings. Please note that these questions will no longer be raised at meetings, as the Class Reps will direct parents/carers to the FAQ's on the School's Website.

Families are also reminded to refer to the 'Starting School' Booklet, as this provides an A-Z of school information.

After School Clubs

Q: How can I find out about the After School Activity Clubs on offer?

A: A variety of After School Activity Clubs are provided by outside providers. 'Class of Their Own' operates an After School Club and Holiday Club at Stanford Junior School. The After School and Holiday Club are both used by children from Stanford Infant School.

More information about all After School Clubs can be found on our website or in the folder at the School Office.



Birthday Treats

Q: How can my child celebrate their birthday with the rest of the class?

A: If children want to celebrate their birthday with the rest of the class, then a book can be given for the class Book Corners. Teachers will not distribute 30 cakes or bags of sweets. This supports our Healthy Schools status, ensures that children with food allergies or intolerances are included and promotes a real love of reading at the school.



Celebration of Learning Assembly

Q: My child is celebrating their learning in assembly this week; I am unable to make the assembly; can it be rearranged?

A: Every Friday we have an assembly, where children celebrate something that they are proud of. We will let you know if your child is involved and, if possible, would very much like you to attend to make it even more special for them.

These assemblies will be each Friday from about 9:10am. If you can't make the date given, please let us know, we are more than happy to rearrange.



Changing Books

Q: What is the system for ensuring children change their books and also monitoring the choice of book?

A: The children are encouraged to change their books on a daily basis; however, teachers also ensure that the children change their books at least once a week as part of their Book Browse or Reading Workshop Guided Reading session. Parents/carers are reminded that they are also welcome to come into school to select books with their child.



Climbing Frame

Q: Why is the Climbing Frame in the bottom playground cordoned off every day?

A: The climbing frame is always enjoyed by the children during school times; however, it is closed at the beginning and end of the school day as it is not supervised and therefore compromises health and safety regulations.



Collection Details

Q: What happens if my child's collection arrangements change?

A: Please make sure you let us know of any changes to your child's collection details, including if they are attending a new After School Activity Club. We will not let your child leave the premises unless we have confirmation of the arrangements. We would kindly ask that you also let any other After School Providers know of any changes, especially 'Class of their Own'.



Communication

Q: There is so much information; how can find out about important events, etc?

A: Our website: www.stanfordinfants.co.uk holds a wealth of information about the school and all our activities. So, if you have access to the internet, we would encourage you to refer to it regularly to see what we've been up to, check the diary for upcoming events, read our newsletter and much more! It is updated on a daily basis. The Newsletter is sent home on a fortnightly basis; any additional dates are highlighted in bold.

We use 'SchoolPing' for all of our communication. This free-to-download app will provide an individually tailored home page containing only information relevant to you and your family. We believe the app streamlines our communications, providing a 'one stop shop' for all things Stanford Infants; including newsletters, parents' evening bookings and school trip consent forms.

Once downloaded, you will receive an alert once any communications have been sent to you, meaning important school messages reach you quickly and efficiently. Make sure you have your alerts switched on so you know when a new message has sent – we promise not to bombard you!

If you would prefer not to download the app, you will still be sent our messages via email. You can also login to the 'SchoolPing' web page using the link: <https://stanford-inf-brighton-hove.secure-dbprimary.com/> where you will only need to login the first time.



A reminder that communication is a two-way process; all families are encouraged to speak to Miss Denyer either in the playground at drop off/collection times or make an appointment to see her you wish to discuss anything.

Head Lice:

Q: HELP! My child keeps having uninvited guests in their hair; how can we combat this?



A: Alas these appear, from time to time, to be part of school life. Please try to check your child's hair regularly to ensure your household and our school remains flea free: www.onceaweektakeapeek.com! If your child does get head lice (and most do at some point!) please treat immediately and continue to check and treat as long as lice or eggs are visible, usually two weeks. Please inform us if your child has head lice, as we will send a head lice letter to jog families' memories. If we are all vigilant it prevents the lice from spreading around the class.

Leaflets

Q: Is there any regulation in terms of the leaflets that get sent home in Book Bags?



A: The general rule is that **no** leaflets are sent home; any advertisements are displayed in the main Reception Area for parents/carers to collect if they are interested. All families receive a copy of 'Primary Times' which sometimes contain leaflets; these magazines are distributed to all families across the UK through Primary Schools and the school does not have any control over the content.

School Meals

Q: Do the children get enough time to eat their lunch?



A: There are three sittings and the children get approximately 20 minutes minimum per sitting. However, if they have not finished their lunch in their allocated time there are spare tables at the front of the hall for them to move to so that they can finish. Children are never rushed; however, they will be reminded to eat their lunch if they are spending most of their time chatting!

Q: My child has a special dietary requirement; what do I need to do?

A: If your child has an allergy or intolerance or any dietary requirements, you will need to complete a Special Dietary Referral Form. These are available at the School Office or you can download one from the School Website.

Q: Do the children always have to be offered a dessert – sometimes the option should be just fruit or yoghurt?



A: We receive the two-choice menu. Desserts served as part of your child's lunch now contain less sugar, have increased fibre and correct portion served in-line with current guidance detailed in the School Food Plan. Fresh fruit and organic yogurt are available daily as a choice and many of the desserts offered contain fruit and/or vegetables.

Further information about School Meals can be found on the School's Website under School Life/Day to Day. A copy of the current menu can be found by clicking on this link: <http://www.stanfordinfants.co.uk/school-meals/>. If any parents/carers have any comments regarding the content of the meals then they should contact Brighton and Hove School Meals Team on 01273 293590 or email schoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk

School Milk

Q: I've heard my child can receive a carton of milk to drink in school. How do I register for this?

A: In line with the School Food Plan legislation, we are legally required to ensure milk is available for any children who would like it. Children have their milk either before or after morning playtime.

The cost is per child is subsidised at 22p for 189ml carton per day, payments will be administered by Cool Milk. Children under five or in receipt of the Pupil Premium will be offered free milk.



Snacks

Q: What snacks to the children get at school?

A: Every child is entitled to a free piece of fruit at school. This is consumed in the classroom either before or after play. The fruit will vary on a daily basis. However, if you wish you may provide a snack for your child to eat at morning break. In order to encourage healthy eating our policy is that this is a 'healthy snack' for example one small sandwich, a school bar or a rice cake. We do have a strict 'nut' free policy due to several children in school with severe allergies so please check labels. There is a copy of our Snack Policy on the School's Website: www.stanfordinfants.co.uk.



Religious Education

Q: How do we teach aspects of different religions?

A: Religious Education is a statutory part of the basic curriculum for all pupils. It plays a key role in promoting social cohesion and virtues of respect and empathy, which are important in our diverse society. We aim to broaden the children's understanding of different beliefs through stories, symbols and images and introduce each religion through 'this is what some people believe'. We also like to celebrate the diversity of our community and will therefore encourage children to talk about their individual beliefs. The fundamental reason for teaching RE is to encourage the children to answer 'BIG Questions'. In Key Stage 1 the children learn about the key world religions. For more information on what your child is learning in RE, please refer to the learning journey information sent home.



Water Bottles:

Q: Are children reminded to drink water regularly throughout the school day? Often their water bottles come home full.

A: The children should be in the habit of drinking water – they are reminded to drink from their water bottles, there are water fountains outside and cups can be provided for them to drink from. The water fountains are available for children to use at playtimes and lunchtimes and all children are provided with a drink of water when they have their lunch. At school we call it 'Brain Juice' and remind the children of the importance of staying hydrated and establishing healthy drinking habits.



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