



NANSTALLON SCHOOL



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Improvement: learning environment - September 2018

Safety

On behalf of all our children at Nanstallon, I am incredibly grateful for the collective cooperation and responsibility shown. [The school drop off is definitely safer.](#)

During the last weekend much of the learning environment has been decluttered. There is still further work to do but I anticipate that the carpark will be free of the skip by the end of the month. [With the help of the school governors and Mrs Gibson, we have removed most of the resources from the lunch hall and ICT area.](#) Thanks also to Luke Butler who has kindly removed the unsafe play equipment from the rear of school. Finally, many of you may have seen the Facebook photos posted by Wendy Keat showing the removal of the kiln by Alan and his team. This will create storage for art resources promotes calmness, concentration and wellbeing.

Communication

Mrs Ellery, the teachers and I will be available should you have any messages or concerns to share first thing in the morning. The school office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the first hour. [We are committed to being responsive to parents in the best interests of pupil safety and wellbeing.](#)

Health

Children should only be eating a healthy snack at break and it is great to see a good proportion of children with fruit or similar. Healthy break time snacks include: fruit, dried fruit, box of raisins, cereal bar. [There are far too many foods aimed at children filled with sugar and this does not aid their growth, development or concentration.](#)

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If your child does not have a hot lunch, please send your child with a healthy lunchbox. This could be a sandwich filled with cheese, tuna or savoury spread and salad or similar savoury alternative. As a school, we have no issue should your child drink squash at lunchtime with their food, but note that no fizzy drinks are allowed. Water bottles in the classroom should only be filled with water. I have a long list, however, I will be looking to provide freshly filtered, chilled water. [Children thrive at school if they are hydrated and nourished with a healthy balanced diet. School is both mentally and physically demanding.](#)

Behaviour

The class dojos will continue to be used as a reward system. [Nanstallon children find them motivating.](#) In addition to this, we will turn the dojos into team points. [Their individual hard work, effort and good manners will also benefit their team.](#) Each teacher is training the children in their class to be 'ambassadors'. This will involve welcoming any visitors to their classroom. [It will help build their confidence, which in life is as important as academic qualifications.](#) Please see our positive behaviour policy for further information. [Our aim at Nanstallon School is to promote the values of courage, collective responsibility, equality and inclusion and of course a hard work ethic.](#)

Uniform

The children looked very smart today. The Governing Board and I have a clear stance on uniform. [Children are proud to belong to Nanstallon School. Pride and respect go hand in hand.](#)

- Boys must wear black shoes, black or grey socks, black or grey shorts or trousers, white shirt or polo shirt and a navy blue jumper or sweater.
- Girls must wear black shoes, black, grey or white socks, blue gingham summer dress or black, navy or grey skirt / pinafore dress / trousers and a navy blue cardigan.

Moving Forward

As Nanstallon School moves forward I will ensure that lessons are stimulating; classrooms and corridors are calm; children are kept safe and health is promoted. Once I have access to the school website, updates will be made including the opportunity to view a revised, comprehensive post Ofsted improvement plan. [The teachers and staff here are very kind, approachable and professional and like me want the very best for your children.](#)

Documents sent home

- ✓ Positive Behaviour Policy
- ✓ Parent Code of Conduct

NB: Every pupil will be given a home/school reading diary on Monday.

Finally, I'd like to thank those of you who have already made me welcome in this community. Change for me is also daunting, given the relocation I've undertaken and the challenges afoot. I have found Cornwall to be a very friendly and beautiful environment and one that I hope will become home for many years ahead.

Warmest regards,

Mr B Stephenson
Headteacher