



# Hillstone News

## WANTED

Donations of any board games or other toys you think children would enjoy playing. Ours have got a bit tatty and with no PTA events at that moment, we do not have any income to buy replacements for these.



## Active Lives Survey

We would like to take part in Sport England's, Active Lives Survey. This will provide us with a bespoke report for our school as well as contributing to the national agenda on sport provision for young children. Coach has already sent out links, if you haven't had the chance to complete the survey, please consider doing so.

**School URN : 141270**

**Yrs 1-2 URL : <https://ipsos.uk/AOZHZ>**

**Yrs 3-6 URL : <https://ipsos.uk/GGZZJ>**

**Parent Survey : <https://ipsos.uk/OZZOR>**

I also refer you to the information provided by Sport England - link below. All surveys can be undertaken at school or at home. Please refer to sections

8a-f for support with home completion.

[https://www.sportengland.org/know-your-audience/data/active-lives?section=information\\_for\\_schools](https://www.sportengland.org/know-your-audience/data/active-lives?section=information_for_schools)

## Thank You's

My staff are working incredibly hard managing virtual school, teaching in school, providing food, play opportunities and support wherever we can to our children and to our families. At that same time they are dealing with their own family difficulties and anxieties about Covid. This week we have had a few parents who took the time to email or send notes to say thank you. I cannot tell you how much that means to all of us. Your thoughtfulness is such a good role model for our children.



Children should have a password which will allow them access to their Children's University dashboard. If you have forgotten your password just contact your teacher. Look out for the weekly challenges where you will be able to earn credits.

## Testing in Schools

From this week, all staff in primary schools will have the option to be tested twice a week for Covid 19. These lateral flow tests are designed to catch those who may be asymptomatic. This is another step in helping to make the school even safer.

Although not mandatory, you may wish to consider wearing masks when you pick up and drop off children. This will help protect each other and my staff. I want children back in school as much as possible, so anything we all can do to stop the spread of transmission will help.

If your child is unwell - do not send them into school. Symptoms for children are not confined to cough and temperature so if they are feeling unwell it may be wise to get them tested.

## Virtual School

We have been pleased with the positive comments that we have received for our virtual school, including some from parents and children who do not even attend our school, but have begun using it as they are so impressed with the content. Anyone can use it and as well as the daily lessons for each year group, we have clubs, art, PE, chef pages, music pages, reading at home, wellbeing pages, assemblies and shows!

Sadly not enough of our own children are using it. We have an average daily attendance of 70% of children in lockdown school or on virtual school. This should be closer to 100%. Please do not let your child think this is optional - they must be continuing with their learning. If you are struggling to get them to do their lessons, please phone the school and we can arrange a conversation with their teacher to help you and them.

So far we have loaned 16 wifi hubs and 38 laptops to our children. Do not let access to technology be a barrier to learning. Purple Bricks have also kindly given us 5 laptops. If you, or a company you work for, have any devices that can be repurposed so that we can loan them to our children, we would be most grateful.



# HILLSTONE STARS

Each week, teachers will choose a Hillstone star from Lockdown School and one from Virtual School. They will all be celebrated on the Hillstone Stars tab on our website. Here are last week's outstanding pupils.

***Logan France***

***Dylan Zamorano-Martin***

***Ehtisham Hussain***

***Ava Leech***

***Mira Pozniak***

***Riley France***

***Taliyah Belgrave***

***Dania Khawaja***

***Caiden Downes***

***Mason Bowen***

***Lacey Harman***

