

## LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

### Lyon Park Primary School

September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school; it has been lovely to see all of our children back safe and well. They have settled back in with big smiles on their faces and are enjoying learning back in the classroom with their adults. Many of them have told me about the new skills they have learnt over the past few months. Some of you have spoken to me about your worries about the learning your child has missed; I can assure you that school staff have been and will be working hard to develop a Recovery Curriculum to ensure that gaps are addressed. I am confident that all of our children will have a fantastic year full of fun, laughter and achievements. I look forward to working closely in partnership with all of our families to ensure your child is happy, safe and successful.

Mrs Bhambra  
(Headteacher)



#### STAGGERED TIMES & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Thank you to everybody who has supported school with the staggered start and end times of the school day. Whilst some of you may feel frustrated about having to queue, I am sure that you appreciate this is one of the safety measures we have in place to avoid the Government notice of no large gatherings. Last week, we saw a noticeable improvement in the way in which parents/carers are queuing whilst waiting. Please remember to use the markings on the pavements as a guide for social distancing. I thank you all on behalf of the school for your patience.

Please can I ask that parents/carers do not drive cars onto Vincent Road between 8:30am - 9:10am and 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Reminder of timings of the day:

8:45am - 11:45am Nursery AM

12:45 - 3:45pm Nursery PM

8:40am - 3:00pm Reception, Years 5 & 6

8:50am - 3:10pm Years 3 & 4

9:00am - 3:20pm Years 1 & 2

#### COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Please keep a close eye on our school website [www.lyonparkprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.lyonparkprimaryschool.co.uk) for any updates regarding school. If you would like to hand in anything via the school office, please post this in the black box attached next to the entrance to the reception area.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff about a specific matter, please phone the school office on **0208 902 5454** to arrange an appointment.

#### PUPIL DETAILS & COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Thank you to those of you who have updated us with new contact or address details. In line with our safeguarding policy and in order for us to be able to contact you in the case of any emergencies, it is important that we have the correct contact details.

Please ensure that the school holds the correct medical details for your child(ren).

Thank you to everybody who has completed the Collection of Children forms; any child walking home alone may only do so once a member of the Senior Leadership Team has authorised this and you receive a text message to confirm that this has happened.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term Holidays 2020

Half term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 - Children start back at school

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)

Term ends - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 2:00pm

Every school day that your child attends is important therefore, please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time as these will be unauthorised.

Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Meet the teacher meetings via Zoom; please look out for information inviting you to a Zoom meeting (online) in which you will meet your child's teacher. You will be able to find out what your child will be learning about throughout the year and how you can help them.

### PARENT PAY

Thank you to those of you who choose to use Parent Pay as a means of paying dinner money. Under the current climate, we are trying to avoid handling money and therefore we would prefer parents/carers to use this as a means of paying. If you require information about how to activate or access your account, please contact the school office.

For those of you handing in money, please do so by using a clearly labelled envelope with your child's full name, class and amount included and post in the black box outside the school office.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Over the last 2 years, our School Council have been involved in lots of interesting projects including creating the design of our KS2 library, fundraising for charity and joining Senior Leaders during interviews. It has come to that time of year again in which we will be electing our new School Council for 2020-21. Information about applications will be shared this week with the children from Years 1 to 6. This will then be followed by our annual Polling Day, which the children love taking part in; this will take place next week. Please do encourage your child to apply for this role.

### READING

Reading is a huge school priority; it was so nice hearing about children talking excitedly about reading, sharing their quiz scores with each other and reading a wider range of books. It is important that this continues this year.

Prior to lockdown, all children took a reading book home. Please can these be returned to school as soon as possible. Any lost or damaged books will need to be replaced; parents/carers will be asked to pay £5.00 for this.

This week, children will be given a reading log and reading folder to take home. They will also be able to borrow a book that must be returned to school every day. It is important that the children take care of these belongings and if they are lost or damaged, we will be asking for the parents/carers to pay for these. Reading folders are 50p, Reading logs are £1.50 and a reading book is £5.00.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. Whilst the weather is warm, we are advising that your child brings in a bigger bottle or two bottles as we have currently closed off the water fountains. In emergencies, children will be provided with water.

### SCHOOL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR JOB

We are currently looking to appoint 2 midday supervisors; please contact the school office for an application pack if you or somebody you know would be interested.

**School Value of the Month: Friendship**

**"Friendship isn't a big thing...it's a million little things."**

## ATTENDANCE

Last week, our school attendance was at 95% or better; this was really pleasing to see and was above the UK national picture of 89%. This week, however, we have noticed a decrease in attendance of below 90%.

I understand that with the current worries surrounding Covid-19, you may wish to keep your child(ren) at home if they are poorly. However, please can I stress how important it is for them to attend school, particularly after the absence of 3 months. Nearly every child I have seen entering or leaving school, does so with a smile. School has a very comprehensive Risk Assessment in place and we will contact you if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 or becomes unwell.

### Covid-19 Symptoms

Your child must not attend school if anybody in your household displays any of the following symptoms:

- new and persistent cough
- a high temperature
- has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell

If your child develops symptoms whilst at school, the school will inform you of this. You will then be asked to collect them and any other brothers or sisters they have at school. Please can I ask that if you share accommodation with other families, who attend Lyon Park Primary School, that you inform the school of this information.

### Testing

- Your child (showing symptoms) must get a Covid test; this can be accessed by phoning the Covid NHS number on 119. The school must be informed of the test results (positive or negative). Please contact the school office before bringing your children back to school.
- If the child tests positive, they will need to stay at home for at least 10 days and their temperature has gone.
- If the test is negative the child and brothers and sisters can return to school.
- Other members of the household do not need to be tested unless they start to show any of the symptoms but must isolate until a negative result is received for the person showing symptoms.

### **A new walk-through COVID-19 testing site has opened in Harlesden Town Garden for local residents.**

- The testing site is located at Harlesden Town Garden, Challenge Close, Harlesden, NW10 4BF.
- Appointments are available every day from 8:00am - 8:00pm.
- Tests must be booked by calling us **020 8937 4440**. The line is open seven days a week from 9:00am - 5:00pm.
- You can book a test if:
  - You have **symptoms of COVID-19**;
  - You can travel to the test site on foot or by motorcycle or bicycle and don't need to use public transport
  - You have a face covering;
  - You adhere to social distancing at all times, when travelling to and from the site.

### Shielding, isolating or quarantining

- If you have travelled abroad to places on the quarantine list, please contact the school office who will inform you of the quarantine period; your children will not be allowed to attend school during this time.
- If your child has been told to shield, please contact the school office; you will be asked to provide proof of this from a medical practitioner.
- Whilst waiting for the results of a Covid test for your child, if you have other children in your household and they are not showing symptoms, they must isolate.

If your child falls into any of the 3 categories above, the school will be contacting you about how to access work; it is important that children do not continue to fall behind in their academic achievements, therefore it is important that children complete this work.

### Covid-19 HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Please find attached the Covid-19 Home School Agreement we would like all of you to read with your child.  
Please then sign and return this to school.