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**AUTUMN TERM DIARY**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: End of term - school closes

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see everyone return at the beginning of the week. Unfortunately, due to community C19 transmission during the holidays we have had a number of pupils self-isolating, taking tests and unfortunately testing positive on our return – hence the closure of our Year 3 and Year 4 zone this week. We look forward to their return on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We are hopeful that the transmission rates will reduce, now we find ourselves in a 4 week lockdown.

**ZONE/BUBBLE LOCKDOWN**

If any staff, families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this can/may lead to school ‘zone’ closure. If we receive confirmation of a positive test result, there may be a requirement for individuals, bubbles and zones to self-isolate.

If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school immediately. For out of school hours – please ring

**07835931915 to inform school of POSITIVE TEST RESULTS ONLY.**

**We advise that you contact school immediately .....**

**we also request that parents refrain from posting test information publicly on social media.**

Whilst it is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely. The new government guidance recommends that Schools where possible, are to remain open, closing only affected zones/bubbles and we do appreciate this can have a huge impact on families.

Should the local health board close our school, or part of our school, provision will be made for key worker/vulnerable pupils and education is to continue, with your support, using our home learning site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>. The site will be the daily source of pupil’s work for completion at home in their lockdown books. The books have been handed out to the children - **ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

**OPERATING HOURS**

<b>NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH</b> <b>PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am – 2.45pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1/ Year 2: START 8.30am – 3.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 /Year 4: START 8.40am – 3.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 4: Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5/ Year 6: START 8.40am – 3.15pm FINISH</b>

**MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM**

We are now in lockdown and given the recent increase in cases within our school community, please comply with the 2m social distancing from other family groups and please keep others safe by wearing a mask whilst still social distancing.

Please follow the Government guidance ‘HANDS, FACE, SPACE’

Some families are providing masks for their children to wear in school. In Primary school this is not a requirement of the guidance. If you do provide a mask for your child please provide a named plastic bag/container for your child to store their mask when not in use.

**H TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS**

Thank you to those of you who have returned your photo order. The orders will be collected early on Monday morning by Tempest to enable processing and delivery before Christmas. If you have missed the school deadline you will need to send your order/ deal directly with ‘H Tempest’.

**KEEPING WARM!**

The weather now is changeable. The Covid guidance recommends that schools still remain well ventilated, requiring windows to be open all around the building, which means that school is going to be much cooler than normal. Please ensure your child starts the day with their cardigan, jumper and a warm coat. Please ensure your child arrives equipped for the day.....school is a cooler place and we all need to wrap up warm!

**SCHOOL DINNERS**

Please could you notify our school office 01642 816884 if you intend to change your child’s meal choice. We still require at least one week notice for a child to transfer between meal types - packed lunch to dinner or dinner to packed lunch. We now have an option of 3 hot dishes on offer daily, in both halls, alongside a cold selection of sandwiches and wraps.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you child or a member of your household display any symptoms of coronavirus

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – your child cannot smell/taste anything, or things smell /taste different

As Parents/ Carers you MUST to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#). Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their Parents/Carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We aim to do everything possible and practicable in school to enable our children to be safe, enjoy their time in school, develop their skills and make progress to achieve their best! We appreciate your support and patience with the current situation 😊

We hope you make the best of your 'lockdown' weekend!

Regards

B Hewitt-Best