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Monday 3rd May: SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday 6th May: SCHOOL CLOSED: Combined May election
Friday 7th May; SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day
 Friday 28th May: School closes for half term
 Monday 7th June: School opens – Summer term 2
 Friday 16th July: School closes- end of the school year
 Monday 19th July: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day
 Tuesday 20th July: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

REMINDER: School is closed on Monday 3rd May, Thursday 6th May (Election) and Friday 7th May (PDDay)
Home Learning will be provided and is available online for Thursday 6th May on our home learning page
<http://bit.ly/nbremote>.

Devices are available for loan from the school office to support pupil access.

POLLING STATION: SCHOOL CLOSED – COMBINED ELECTION 2021- Thursday 6th May 2021

The Local Authority has advised that **Newham Bridge Primary School** is required for use as a polling station and unfortunately, the current restrictions/ school pandemic guidance required, means that **Newham Bridge Primary School, will be closed to pupils and staff, on Thursday 6th May.**

HANDWASHING/SANITISING

Concerns/queries were raised this week regarding pupils experiencing dryness and discomfort due to handwashing. A letter was distributed across school. In school, soap and water is the preferred method of cleansing and where possible, we do try to minimise the use of sanitisers. School is adhering to the guidance, is required to use particular products, with proven suitability for children. Unfortunately, having sought advice, **we are unable to accept ‘individualised sanitisers /creams’** as the components may be suited for your child but may present an allergy risk for others. The exception being, prescribed medication/emollients, which are stored separately. We appreciate you raising concerns/queries and hope you can continue to support school moving forward during this challenging time.

PE TIMES: PE SESSIONS HAVE CHANGED!!

We ask that the Year 1 – Year 6 children come to school in their kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers) to avoid changing in school. The children’s PE days are as follows:

M	Y2NS	Y1/2HL
T	Y6ZH	Y6EH
W	Y1/2 ES	Y3/4 SB
Th	Y5CR	Y5JR
F	Y3/4HH	Y3/4ZH

All children MUST wear PE clothing on their PE day

(There is to be no changing in school)

To support coverage of our PE curriculum the PE rota will be changing **every 4 weeks**. Please check the newsletter for your child’s PE days as they will change as we operate in 4 week learning blocks. This will enable all of our children to access expert coaching this academic year.

HOME LEARNING/HOMEWORK - DEVICES

With the success of our home learning site much of our homework has now transferred online. We have a number of devices available for loan to support our pupils with accessing the home learning site/homework. If you would like to loan a school device – please contact the school office - to enable staff to prepare a device for collection.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	3-3.45pm: Y3/4 Basketball (2 groups) 3.10 – 4pm: Y5 Homework 3 – 4pm: KS1 Construction Club: Starts 10.05.21 (2 groups)
Tuesday	3- 4pm: KS1 Garden Club: Starts 11.05.21 (2 groups) 3.10 - 4pm: Y6 Homework 3.10 - 4pm: Y5 Sew a Teddy
Thursday	3-3.45pm: Y3/4 Choir: Starts 10.06.21 3-3.45pm: Y3/4 Homework 3.10 - 4pm: Y6 Basketball

We had a huge demand for our After School clubs and due to the popularity of several clubs there are reserve lists. Parents/pupils will be informed if places become available in the future.

SCHOOL START TIMES

We are continuing to follow the latest guidance for schools to plan our re-opening of, for example - staggered starts, and will be continually reviewing our systems to support a safe return. To enter site.....

- PARENTS **MUST** WEAR A MASK
- FAMILIES **MUST** USE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM
- **ONE PARENT ONLY** TO COLLECT CHILDREN
- **2m SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED ON SITE FROM OTHER FAMILIES**
- FOR FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN - **COLLECT AT THE TIME OF ELDEST CHILD**

NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH. PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am –2.45pm FINISH
ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1 and Year 2: START 8.30am –3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 and Year 4: START 8.40am – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 4: Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 and Year 6: START 8.40am – 3.10pm FINISH

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 and request that parents refrain from posting test information publicly on social media.

Whilst it is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely. The 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, 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 – **THESE ARE ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (COVID-19)

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 with symptoms at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing

Enjoy your weekend!

Take care and stay safe ☺

Regards

B Hewitt-Best