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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly felt the impact of Covid this week, with significant staff absence again. We apologise that we had to close our Nursery and apologise for the inconvenience caused.

NURSERY OPENING: Our Nursery will be re-opening on Monday 31st January. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be running as usual.

SPRING TERM 1 2022 DIARY DATES

Tuesday 8th February: Safer Internet Day - Respect and relationships online

Friday 18th February: **SCHOOL CLOSES** for half term. Monday 28th February: **SCHOOL OPENS** for Spring Term 2

Monday 14th March: SCHOOL CLOSED: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 15th March: **SCHOOL OPEN**Friday 8th April: **SCHOOL CLOSES** end of term
Monday 25th April: **SCHOOL OPENS** for Summer Term

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS - IMPORTANT DATES

KS2 YEAR 6 SATS: Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May

KS2 YEAR 4 Multiplication tests: June 2022

KS1 YEAR 2 SATS: May 2022

KS1 YEAR 1 Phonics: Monday 6th - Friday10th June

PARENT QUESTIONAIRE:

It is that time of year, when the Governing Body and Leadership team would like to gather your thoughts about Newham Bridge. We have sent the questionnaire this week and would appreciate completed 'best fit' questionnaires to be returned to school by Friday 4th February – comments and suggestions are welcomed and greatly appreciated!

DINNER MONEY: Please could dinner money be paid on Mondays – via the school gateway app. Thank you!

SPRING TERM PE			
	Class group	PE days	Rec – Year 6
SPRING	Reception	Monday & Wednesday	children come to
	Y1/2TS, Y1/2ES	Tuesday & Thursday	school in their PE
TERM	Y2MG	Tuesday & Thursday	kit
1	Y3NS, Y3ZHi	Tuesday & Friday	(white t-shirt, black
2022	Y4HH, Y4SB,	Monday	shorts, joggers and a
2022	Y5CR, Y5DJ	Wednesday & Thursday	sweatshirt, plimsolls
	Y6EH, Y6ZHo	Friday only	or trainers)

Covid guidance

Temporary suspension of confirmatory PCR tests in education and childcare settings

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) is now temporarily suspended. This means that for all education/childcare settings, staff/students who have tested and reported a positive lateral flow result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. We therefore don't need to ask people to do a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

If you or your child, has a positive LFD test you must self-isolate for 5 days and re-test on **day 5 and day 6** Self-isolation can stop, when you/your child have 2 consecutive negative LFD results on **Day 5 and Day 6**. Returning to school/work on day 6 – after the negative test results.

We hope this guidance helps - in reducing risk and keeping each other safe.