



Headteacher: Stav Stavrinou

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year with happier memories and special moments with loved ones and friends!

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to the very supportive responses we have had in understanding the current situation we find ourselves in.

There have been a number of changes last week regarding the closure of schools which may at times have been confusing. According to latest government advice, all London schools are to remain closed for the time being. This is due to a sharp rise in the number of COVID related cases across London and the pressure this creates on hospitals and the NHS. Schools have been asked to close until further notice.

Vulnerable Families and Children of Key Workers

As a school we are taking serious measures to provide a safe environment for our vulnerable groups of children who will have to attend for the next few days. We therefore intend to keep our numbers low in order to minimise any risk of infection. We have therefore identified families whom we believe are in need of extra support and parents who are key workers. Families of children who are new to the school, including Early Years will be contacted separately.

If you have been contacted by the school and your child is attending school as from Wednesday 6th January 2021, please see following attendance procedures.

All children attending school will start school at 9:00 and finish at 3:00. Drop off and pick-up at following gates:

- **Gate A (By Early Years)** - Nursery and Reception
- **Gate C (End of service road)**-Years 1& 2
- **Gate D (Crowland Road)** -Years 3&4
- **Gate B (Middle of service road)** - Years 5 &6



Temperature of children will be taken at the gates upon entry as in the summer term.

Lunchtime arrangements for the children in school will be as normal. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered in the children's new 'bubbles' in order to prevent cross-contamination.

Children will be grouped in bubbles in the following way:

- **Bubble 1-** Nurs & Reception
- **Bubble 2-** Y1 & Y2
- **Bubble 3-** Y3 & Y4
- **Bubble 4-** Y5&Y6

The children will be following remote learning materials in school as the rest of the children who will be working from home.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will continue through Class Dojo as of **Wednesday 6th January**. Can we remind parents and carers that remote learning is **not optional** and all children must engage as part of their allocated learning content. Subsequently, teachers will be taking registers as part of their daily routine and families should expect to receive a phone call from the school if their child is not engaging with remote learning.

The teachers will be offering daily interactive sessions at staggered times as follows;

Y5& Y6- 9:00 Y3&Y4- 9:30 Y1&Y2-10:00 Nurs and Rec- (As directed by EY staff)

The staggered times are offered in order to avoid time clashes between sibling access to home devices.

If your child **DOES NOT HAVE** an electronic device for accessing their learning, please contact the front office and the school will provide a laptop/Chromebook. These will be ready for pick up as from next week **Monday 11th January** and are only to be used to support learning. Each device will be individually loaned to families and recalled once school returns to normal.

We will need to prioritise families without any devices before widening the offer to families who already have at least one device available. Please note that we only have a small number of devices so each request will be individually evaluated.

Learning Packs will also be available for collection if for whatever reason, families are struggling with remote learning.



COVID Care:

As always we will be taking even more stringent measures in looking after our children and staff. We ask that you follow 2 metre distance measures when outside the school gates, wear a mask and please refrain from entering school grounds in order to avoid gatherings and collection points.

If you need to make contact with the school, please contact the front office by phone or by email.

As always please be extra vigilant of any symptoms your child may be displaying such as:

- Fever
- New continuous cough
- Loss of taste and smell

If your child displays any one of the above symptoms please inform the school **immediately** and arrange for a test. If any of the members of a 'bubble' are tested positive, the whole 'bubble' will undergo isolation as per normal protocol.

Thank you once again for your kind support and co-operation during this unprecedented time.'

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Stav', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs Stav