

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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**Friday 4th September**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to Reception and to begin a successful year of learning. As we are unable to do our usual *Meet the Teacher* sessions this year, you are invited to a parent and carer welcome session via zoom on Monday 7th September at 2pm with Robin & Mireille. Here are the log on details for this meeting - please do join so that you have all the key information for this term:

**Meeting ID: 752 8693 0563**

**Passcode: 2unPkW**

We will also be preparing a video to introduce the year group, class teams and give you a little more information about the curriculum. This will be sent out next Friday 11th September.

**Reception - Class Teaching Team**

Ladybirds Team
Class Teachers are Lia and Maria
Support Staff are Hayeser, Susannah, Nawel, Lindita & Emma (ASD teacher)

**Other Key Staff:**

PE Team - Jordan & Dean

Music - Tom

Higher Level Teaching Assistants - Heather, Isabel, Sandra & Maggie



**Start of the day**

A member of the Reception team will open the door and welcome your child into the learning environment each morning. The transition to Reception begins your child's journey to independence, so the staff will be encouraging your children to take ownership of small everyday tasks, for example, hanging their coat up and self-registering themselves each day.

Where possible, we are asking that parents drop their children off at the door to minimise risk. However if parents need to stay longer or enter the classroom (for example, if a child is struggling to separate or distressed), then please ensure you use a sanitiser upon entry, maintain a 2m distance from other children, and aim to leave as promptly as possible.

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*Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan*



### Spare clothes

Every child needs to have a spare, named change of clothes to be left in school, hanging on your child's peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS! Where possible please use a soft fabric/plastic bag due to limited space on their peg.



### Water and fruit

We provide fruit for the children and each child will need to bring their own **named bottle of water** each day. We will be able to refill them when needed. If you would like to donate a couple of extra pieces of fruit a week to the classroom that would be gratefully received.

### Healthy Eating and Malleable Play

Cooking with children offers a wide variety of learning experiences, for example Numeracy, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Physical Development can all be taught in one cooking session. To help support this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p a week, where we will be able to buy the ingredients and resources needed. We will place a donation jar outside the classroom, or if you prefer, this adds up to £15 over the term where you can make your contribution in one go rather than finding coins each week. We really appreciate your support, thank you!

### Punctuality & Attendance

Your child's punctual and regular attendance at school is of crucial importance in their learning and development. Please make every effort to bring your child to school everyday on time. Regular contact and communication to our office about illness and medical appointments is essential. It is important that children arrive and are collected promptly according to the timings below to support social distancing and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Contacting the school is more crucial than ever at the moment; it is vital that you call or email the school if your child or any other member of your family develops Covid symptoms and/or you are isolating: 0207 772 8500 or email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

Please see our website for our Attendance Policy and Addendum Policy.

**Start Time is through the Main gate at 9:10am**

**Exit Time from the Ladybirds classroom (please wait next to the fence to the outside area) is at 3:10pm**

### Liaison time

We know that communication with you is key in establishing a positive and safe learning environment. We will be around at the end of each day for a chat. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to one of us, we are here to support you and your child. To ensure we are all keeping safe, please social distance from the staff and other parents. If you are unable to come to school to talk to us, please contact the school office and ask to make an appointment to speak with us.

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## PE

On a Friday morning our children will have an exciting PE session with our sports specialists Jordan & Dean. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for running outside on this day. Over the next few weeks, if you have ordered a PE kit, we will be handing these out to you and if not there is plenty of time to order one. Any questions about the PE kits please speak to the office.

Over the next few weeks Jordan and Dean will be coming into the classroom to introduce themselves and get to know the children. During these sessions, Jordan & Dean will be social distancing from all children in the class. Teaching Assistants from their class bubble will attend these sessions and will administer any first aid required. All equipment will be suitably sanitised between groups and contact sport will be avoided.



## Music

On a Friday morning, our children are lucky to have a Music session with our specialist Music teacher Tom. Over the next few weeks he will get to know the children, though again will maintain social distancing and the class Teaching Assistants will work alongside the children. All Music equipment will be suitably sanitised between groups and suitable music activities chosen.

## Curriculum

We will be adapting the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum continually this half term and beyond to meet the needs of our children - whilst ensuring it remains broad and balanced. We want the children to be enthusiastic, curious learners who love coming to school. We will be focusing on the three Prime Areas of the curriculum: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development.

This half term we will be focusing on the theme 'All About Me' using the story *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. We will be supporting the children to settle into their new environments and to get to know their new adults and peers.



## Reading

We have a book corner in our classrooms where the children will be able to select books and read during guided reading sessions. As reading is a priority for all children, the school has invested in **Reading Eggs** online reading programme. We will be sending out details about how to access this over the next few weeks.

## Toys at school

Please remind your child that we discourage them from bringing in their own toys to school. They can easily be lost or broken and this causes much upset, and at present it is not hygienic to bring in additional objects from home.



### Dressing for Ladybirds

As the days begin to become cooler and wetter, can we please ask that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for an Early Years setting. We encourage shoes with Velcro fastenings at school until they are able to tie their own shoe laces. Please ensure your child's clothing is named.

### Website

For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website [www.primrosehill.sch.uk](http://www.primrosehill.sch.uk). Here, you can find the school's Risk Assessment on the News page - this will be continually updated in response to the most up to date guidance from the Government. You will also find the most recent letter from Robin and Mireille, outlining some of the key procedures the school and home need to adhere to to keep our children safe.

We have also placed a link to a document called *What to expect, When* on the website for you to look at. It details how children develop from Birth to 5 and gives some really useful pointers about ways to support your child in their development.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)



### And finally...

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all. If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

Lia, Maria and the Team