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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope that you all managed to have a lovely half term break. I know it wasn't our usual break and that we are still limited with restrictions that help keep us all safe, but I hope you were able to do some fun things together with your family and enjoy a well deserved rest!

Spring 1 was a challenging half term for all of us and as always we got through it because this wonderful community always supports each other and strives for excellence! I'm so proud of all the children at home and in school for adapting to another change so quickly, engaging and working hard - they are truly magnificent! And thank you again to all the parents and carers who have juggled home schooling, work, and a myriad of other responsibilities and have provided your child/ren with the support and motivation they needed to achieve so much!

This half term starts with many questions for all of us, some I hope will be answered in tonight's announcement by our PM, Boris Johnson. Once this announcement is made, SLT and I, along with the staff, will start planning our next steps and communicate this with you as soon as they are finalised. Please be patient with us, as we will also want to wait for any further guidance from the DfE (Department for Education) and Camden.

Until then, please remind yourself of some of the important information:

Remote Learning & In-School Provision

We will continue to support all of our families with **Remote Learning**, which will start again on Tuesday 23rd February- using Google Classroom for Y1 to Y6 and Tapestry for our EYFS pupils.

Our Nursery provision - for PH this includes our 2 Year Olds (Tadpoles) and Nursery (Froglets)- **will reopen on the 23rd February**- please make sure you have read specific letters that have been emailed to you about timings etc. We are still providing remote learning for our Tadpoles & Froglets who will not be in school.

We will also continue to support and provide **on site education for the children of our Critical Workers parents and our most vulnerable families. This includes Reception (Ladybirds) to Y6.** Again, please read letters that have been sent you to about this provision- including times and where to enter and exit the school.

We are full in our in-school provision. If we have more requests, we will ask parents/carers to go part time so we can support all families who need it. Please email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Acting Head Teacher: Mireille Alwan

Here are the links to our Remote Learning Policy & updated Risk Assessment:

- <http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PHS-Virtual-Schooling-Policy-Jan.-2021.pdf>
- <http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/January-Covid-RA-2021.docx.pdf>

Communicating with Families

Communication with families is challenging at this time and we urge you to please **check your emails regularly and read all text** communications from the school. This is our main way of getting information to you at the moment and whilst we are missing face to face contact, it is very important that you continue to check. Our **weekly newsletter** is also on the school website.

I will continue to post videos, including my assemblies, on our YouTube Channel: [Primrose Hill Primary School](#). In addition our staff, including our Specialist Teachers Tom & Jordan, will continue to post Music & PE lessons.

Technology & Resources at Home

We know from our experience of lockdown and Remote Learning that many families do not have the necessary technology at home for their child/ren to access online learning. Thanks to the DfE and some very generous donations, we have been able to order some more devices and have lent over 90 devices to our families.

In addition, we have also provided many families with resources such as books, pencils, pens and other stationery.

We are here to help, so please reach out to us if you need any devices or resources to help you and your family at home: admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Reminders of Reporting COVID

It is essential that you inform us about any positive Covid cases or even Covid symptoms of anyone in your household. From Monday 4th January, please call the school on: 0207 722 8500 or email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk to report any COVID absence or positive tests.

- **IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD DEVELOPS ANY OF THE 3 SYMPTOMS, YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD HAS TO ISOLATE.** You need to arrange testing immediately - please call the school if you have any problems with arranging a test.
- **a high temperature** – this means you or your *child feels hot to touch on their chest or back* (you do not need to measure their temperature, but if your child's temperature is over 38 degrees, this qualifies as a high temperature **IN ADDITION** to them feeling hot to touch on their chest or back)
Please always call 111 or your GP for further guidelines around temperatures, as they will be able to advise you if you should be tested. If they tell you that you have to be tested, then you need to call 119 to arrange this.
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you or your child usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you or your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- **IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE - ALL MEMBERS** of your household **AND** anyone the positive case has had close contact with **MUST** isolate for 10 days from last contact- this may include your support / childcare bubble

- If you have had to have someone in your household tested, please email evidence of your tests results- both positive and negative. Your child/ren will not be able to return to school until evidence of a negative test has been obtained and received.

Help and Support

The school community are here to help and support each other, as many of us will feel anxious and worried at the moment. Try to be kind to yourself, keep active, sleep well and stay in touch with loved ones, look out for our virtual coffee mornings, and email us directly if you need advice or support. If you would like to talk to someone about how you're feeling, you can also access mental health support services here:

- Speak to your GP, visit [icope.nhs.uk](https://www.icope.nhs.uk) or phone 020 3317 6670 to find out about free, confidential support
- Kooth offers confidential online support for young people aged 11 to 18 at [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) More information about support for young people is available at [camdenrise.co.uk/emotional-wellbeing](https://www.camdenrise.co.uk/emotional-wellbeing)
- Whatever you're going through, Samaritans are there to listen – phone 116 123
- If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, phone the 24-hour crisis line on 020 3317 6333

Visit [camden.gov.uk/mental-health](https://www.camden.gov.uk/mental-health) to find out about more support available, including advice in other languages.

I will continue to record videos and messages for our school community over the coming weeks - please remember to email me if you need anything, I am here to help and support each one of you.

Kind regards,

Mireille Alwan & SLT

Acting Head Teacher & Senior Leadership Team

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