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INFORMATION FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL- *2nd Letter*

Please click here for our first letter related to reopening: [1st letter](#)

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you happy, healthy and most importantly ready to come back to school! I sent you a letter last week which outlined some important information, some of it is repeated here, but please do make sure you have read both letters. I will also be releasing some videos for you and your child/ren to watch about the gates at the beginning and end of the day and other relevant information, such as the playground and the dining hall.

Here's some more useful information:

Staggered Start & End of the Day

As I mentioned in my letter last week, in order to reduce congestion both at the beginning and the end of the day, we need to continue to stagger each year group's entry and collection times and locations.

Although our **Reception (Ladybirds)** class of 60 will still be learning together, we have split them into 2 groups to help ease congestion:

Group 1: Families with only the one reception child in our school

Group 2: Families where your reception child has siblings in our school

You will get a year group letter, with more information about this and the curriculum tomorrow.

THESE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM AUTUMN TERM, SO PLEASE DO READ THIS CAREFULLY:

Year Group	Tadpoles	Froglets	Ladybirds Group 1	Ladybirds Group 2
Entry Time	AM Group: 9-12noon	9:00am	8:45am	9:00am
Entry Location	PM Group 12:30-3:30	Main Gate	Main Gate	Main Gate
Collection Time	Entry & Exit through 2 Yr Old Gate - line	3:30pm	3:10pm	3:30pm
Collection Location	up on the left please	Froglet Classroom	Ladybirds Classroom	Ladybirds Classroom

Year Group	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Entry Time	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am
Entry Location	Main Gate	Middle / Scooter	2 Year old	Main Gate	2 Year old	Middle / Scooter
Collection Time	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm
Collection Location	Y1 Class rooms	Bottom Play ground	Top Playground	Top playground	Bottom playground	Top playground

Your Role in Protecting our Community

Entry and collection at the end of the day remains a potential risk with crowds congregating so **please ensure you do the following to help us reduce the risk of Covid spreading in our community:**

- * **Wear a face mask** when you are queuing to collect your child and when you enter school grounds
- * Sanitise your hands on entry into the school ground and ensure your child/ren do too
- * **ONLY** arrive at school at your allocated time- this will ease congestion on the street and in front of the gate *Please do not come early, it's better to come a few minutes late - so if your child's arrival time is 8:45am, coming at 8:50am is fine, but if you come at 8:55am, this is a new year group's entrance.*
- * Use the markings by the side of the gate to line up, maintaining social distance. **Please line up on the right side of your entrance gate and the main gate**
- * Please wait until a member of staff says you can come in to collect your child/ren
- * Exit the playground as swiftly as possible- it is important that families do not congregate
- * When entering the school gates, again, please maintain a social distance from each other
- * To reduce the number of adults and children coming into school / the playground, ***can we please ask that only one parent drops off / collects child/ren each day.***
- * If your child needs to use the bathroom at the end of the day, please use the toilets on the bottom playground. There is also a toilet located in main office, which is also an adult toilet,

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING UNLESS YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.

IMPORTANT if you have a sibling to collect at a later time at the end of the day, please collect the earlier child first and then either: leave the school grounds and re-enter at your child's next exit time OR you may wait within the school grounds. If you choose to stay in the school grounds, please wait along the walls / fences and do not block any walkways so classes can safely make their way to their lines. Make sure you are socially distanced from other families, wearing a face covering and your children remain with you and do not play on any playground equipment.

Scooters & Bikes

We continue to encourage children to cycle and scoot to school and ask, where possible, that scooters are taken home. However, we know this is not always possible, so please read carefully on where to put your child/ren's scooter / bicycle.

Entering through

2 Year Old Gate	Use Original Scooter Storage area
Middle Gate	Use area to the right of the middle gate
Main Gate	Use the area to the side of the MUGA pitch in the top playground
Ladybirds	Area outside Rainbow - next to the LB outside area
Froglets	Area marked on their playground

All scooters and bikes are left at your own risk as we cannot guarantee the same level of security as the original scooter storage area. If you wish to provide your own lock, that is fine with us.

Home Testing & Testing for Families

You may have seen many articles and information around supporting schools reopening through offering testing to families- please read the [guidance on this from the DFE](#) which includes information on how to obtain the home tests.

This is voluntary and only for parents & carers who choose to decide to do this, as are staff home testing kits. These tests are for ASYMPTOMATIC people only. WE WILL NOT BE TESTING CHILDREN as with government guidelines, this is for secondary schools only.

Please do remember, that if ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS ANY OF THE 3 KEYS SYMPTOMS OF COVIS (see below) YOUR WHOLE HOUSEHOLD HAS TO ISOLATE. You then will need to get the person who is symptomatic tested, sometimes they will allow you to get your family tested, and ONLY WHEN you provide a Negative test result to school (via admin) will your child/ren be allowed back to school.

Please do NOT return to school if anyone in your family is symptomatic, has tested positive in the past 10 days and/or you are not sure if someone has COVID- just call us and we will give you some advice.

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 8th March, please call the school on: 0207 722 8500 or email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk to report any COVID absence or positive tests. Below is a reminder of the 3 main Covid 19 symptoms:

- **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 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.
- 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.

Travelling & Following Government Laws

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already emailed the school to inform us you will not be able to return on the 8th due to isolation or being stuck abroad. We will continue to provide children with remote learning, this will NOT be via Google Classroom & Tapestry - more information around this will be sent to these families.

Please do email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk if you have any questions around your child/ren and family having to isolate. We will continue to contact families this week.

Some reminders:

To continue to protect our community, we need to ensure all families who may have been stuck abroad or had to travel for other emergencies, have followed the Government Guidelines. These outline all members of your family who need to **isolate for 10 days and take 2 COVID Tests, one on your 2nd day and then again on your 8th day for each member of your family who has been abroad.**

I have read reports that they have been fining families up to £10,000 for breaking these laws, so please make sure you read them carefully and do call us if you need any help:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england>

Before your child/ren can return back to school, **you will need to provide us with:**
- **your return date ticket evidence to show you have isolated for 10 days**

Attendance & Reporting Absence

The Government expectation is that all children* should return to school on Monday 8th March, unless they are shielding or have been advised to stay at home. Attendance will be statutory. This will be five daily sessions as normal.

We expect **all** children to return to school. The Government has given authorisation to issue fixed penalty fines for families who do not return, but we do not wish to do this. We would prefer to work directly to find a way forward than penalise you. Communication will be key to this so please speak to one of us about any issues., we are here to help and understand that many families will have anxieties around returning. Please ask to speak to myself or one of SLT if you have any specific questions around attendance.

*Children who have received a **shielding letter** from a medical professional or Public Health England will need to stay at home until at least the end of March. We will be supporting remote learning for these children, but will need to see a copy of the letter. Please contact us immediately if this pertains to your child.

Office contact details: **0207 772 8500** or email admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

P3- Breakfast & After School Club Provision

Primrose Hill work closely with our P3 Team, who are an independent company who use our building to provide many of our families with wrap around provision.

Unfortunately, they will not be able to open on Monday March 8th due to insufficient bookings, roughly down 50% from Christmas. I will be in constant contact with Linda Hamilton, who is their manager, and I will update families if this changes. They are hoping to reopen after the Easter holidays.

Please contact them directly if you have any further questions around this.

I know that this is a lot of information to take in and digest, so I will also be recording some videos about your child/ren's return, explaining and showing gates and timings etc, so please watch out for these on our [YouTube Channel](#).

The most important thing next Monday 8th March is that we are able to open safely. The safety of the children, their families and our staff is my priority- as always in order to achieve this, we need to work together as a team, which I am confident we will.

Please do email me if you have any further questions - we are updating our Risk Assessment and I will add this as a link on our school's [Website](#) before the end of the week.

Please continue to be safe and look after yourselves.

Kind Regards,

Mireille Alwan

Acting Head Teacher