

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back! I do hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. With restrictions easing in terms of meeting outdoors, I hope it was a time for reconnections to be made.

As you know this is my first letter to you and I wanted to convey my excitement at taking on the role of Head at Primrose Hill. As I said in my newsletter piece last month, it is a very special place and community, and I feel very lucky to have finally become a part of it.

This half term promises to be full of rebuilding relationships and working at identifying the work required to ensure all children are progressing. It is important to remember that there are many different ways in which we learn and that some aspects take more time than others. I know that the full reopening of school in March helped everyone start to adjust back into school life. This term we are determined to build upon that.

Clearly the roadmap announced by the government, that was initiated on 12 April, is still currently on course. Should we have to adjust our plans (we do hope not!) then we are in a strong position to do so. However, at present we are on track to begin adding those additional and enriching aspects to our children's learning experiences. School sports clubs (to be held outside from week commencing 3rd May), music instrumental lessons and lettings are all set to restart this term. I cannot emphasise enough how important these additions are to our children in respect of their relationships and well being.

## Reducing & Managing Risk

We will continue to ensure the following are adhered to, in addition to all protocols and procedures which you can find in our [Risk Assessment](#):

- All visitors and staff, including meal time supervisors and kitchen staff, will wear masks in communal areas and in the dining hall
- Rooms are ventilated each morning and throughout the day. Teachers will be trying to get outside more or have extended play, to vent their classroom in between lessons
- Continued emphasis on sanitising and washing of hands throughout the day, but especially before eating, clearing of surfaces and equipment throughout the day
- Continued staggered play and lunch times
- Forward facing desks in Y2-Y6; **Y1 and EYFS will have a specific Risk Assessment**, as they are our youngest children and there is specific guidance about EYFS. This information was included in the Y1 & EYFS letters in Spring Term, which you can find on our [Website](#).

## Year Groups & Bubbles

Each Year Group will continue to form a bubble, allowing them to have set entry and exit times and a shared morning play and lunch time play (albeit in different areas of the playground). For the majority of the time,

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each individual 'class' will be a smaller bubble and have their own class sessions, PE and Music sessions etc. Our music teacher, Tom and PE coaches, Jordan & Dean, will continue to work across the school but will maintain a 2m distance from all children and staff in each bubble.

**We will continue to report any positive cases of COVID that are reported to the school. As always, we will always assess the risk and liaise with Public Health England for each specific positive case. Bubbles will be closed if the risk to the bubble has been assessed.**

### Staggered Start & End of the Day

We appreciate that arrangements such as staggered start and end of the day times may be inconvenient for you as a family if you have more than one child to drop off or collect, but at the moment it **remains a necessary measure**. Ultimately these procedures have been put in place to keep everyone safe and to keep the school running smoothly, and we appreciate your support with this.

More information around specific timings and entry / collection points will be shared next week.

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 - <b>line up on the left please</b>	3:30pm	3:10pm	3:30pm
Collection Location		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	Top playground	Top playground

### Travelling & Following Government Laws

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 that all members of your family 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

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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**

Please email this information when you receive it to [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

### Attendance & Reporting Absence

**Attendance will continue to 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.

### 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. Please call the school on: 0207 722 8500 or email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto: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 OR SUPPORT BUBBLE 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.

I will continue to keep you updated via letters, our school newsletter published on our [Website](#) and also via our YouTube Channel [Primrose Hill Primary School](#).

Kind regards,

Phil Allman  
Head Teacher

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