



Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes were meant to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to the current pandemic, schools will need to have an updated RSE curriculum by the start of the summer term 2021. All schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. This means that we will be reviewing and updating our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their age; physical and emotional maturity; religious and cultural backgrounds; and special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Currently, we have set up a working party amongst school staff so that we can get a range of opinions and input to make the RSE curriculum relevant for our children and in line with the government requirements. We would also like your input so that you have a chance to give feedback about the proposed changes. This will ensure that we have viewpoints from a range of different cultures, faiths and areas of the community. If you are interested, please contact the school office. To help you understand the curriculum requirements we need to meet, please look on the government website for information on what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf

Parent consultation meetings

Next week we will hold consultation evenings via phone calls. This will be taking place after school next Monday and Tuesday from 3:30pm onwards. Appointment times will be sent home with pupil this Friday. It provides an invaluable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, behaviour and attitude towards their learning. You should have already received your child's interim report. If you have not received this please contact the school office.

Diwali



Last week we celebrated Diwali at Leopold Primary School. The pupils were able to experience a Diwali assembly, hosted by our friends at the Swaminarayan temple. The day following Diwali marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year in parts of North India. It is one of the most auspicious days of the Hindu calendar and celebrated joyously with gifts, feasting and merriment.



Anti-Bullying Week



This week is anti-bullying week and the theme this year is **'United against Bullying'**. With the major shift towards Online Learning, we have talked about Cyber Bullying in classes. Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets.

Attendance

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please bring your child to school on time each day. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on 020 8961 5336 or send an email attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk by 8:30am.

Nursery places

There are Nursery places available at our school. Please contact the school office or Zena Meigan our Early Years coordinator for more information. You can also see a virtual tour of our Early Years on the school website. <http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/early-years-tour/>

National lockdown

From Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December, the Government announced a lockdown requiring the following action:

- Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
- Closing certain businesses and venues.

The lockdown does not require schools to implement additional protective measures and it is Government's present intention that schools and early years settings will remain open.

Community Announcement

The London Community Response Fund has just opened Wave 4 of funding to help community and voluntary organisations who have been badly affected by the impact of Covid-19. The details are below for parents and carers who belong to groups that meet the criteria.

Highlights of the week



Stars of the week

- R Moonbeam:** Abdul & Yahya
R Sunshine: Karrem & Nour
Year 1 Ash: Daniel & Amelia
Year 1 Oak: Warda & Iesa
Year 2 Maple: Donnie & Melak
Year 2 Palm: Caiden & Renaiyah
Year 3 Cedar: Yahya & Ruqaya
Year 3 Elm: Jameil & Iyaana
Year 4 Aspen: Elliot & Nakaysia
Year 4 Teak: Kemony & Tanjina
Year 5 Chestnut: Ishaan & Dina
Year 5 Juniper: Adam, Shayaan & Maia
Year 6 Bonsai: Dontae & Clara
Year 6 Willow: Asal & Muna



London Community Response Fund

Organisations are able to apply for **grants of up to £10,000** to help groups to support Londoners affected by Covid-19 over the winter months. Applications will be assessed on a first-come-first-served basis, with a final deadline of 5pm on **Thursday 3 December 2020**.

Full details are in the email below and at this link <https://londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/guidance>

Who can apply?

The following organisational types can apply for a grant:

- Registered, exempt or excepted charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation
- CIC limited by guarantee
- Charitable company (limited by guarantee)
- Registered charitable industrial and provident society, or charitable cooperative
- Faith group, where the activity is not promoting religion
- Registered Community Amateur Sports Club
- Constituted but unincorporated club or association
- Constituted Tenants and Residents Associations, and Tenant Management Organisations
- Constituted community group

*We welcome applications from all parts of civil society, though our analysis highlights increased funding needs for: advice; arts and culture; **children and young people**; domestic abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG); equity and inclusion; food; homelessness; infrastructure (civil society support and community anchor organisations); mental health and wellbeing; people at risk; and refugees and migrants (including people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)).*

If you think you can meet the eligibility criteria, from collating the responses to my email last week with regards to funding needs, some ideas of what you might consider applying for under the London Community Response Fund could include:

- Funding for vulnerable young people or units suffering from financial hardship
- Electronic devices to enable young people to access virtual training / unit meetings
- Funding to ensure buildings can be made 'Covid secure' to allow a return to face-to-face meetings

If anyone does apply for funding under this scheme, it would be useful for us all if you could let us know whether you were successful or not. (Decisions will hopefully be made by Friday 18 December).

Kind regards
Debbie

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To read the latest YOU London Newsletter [click here](#)

What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)



Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions:

1. Does your child have a new, continuous cough?
2. A high temperature?
3. Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you answered YES to any of the above, you must not come to school- you must call 111 for advice. If your child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be sent home and you are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible, or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

As per guidance, the household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please see the updated guidance for parents and carers from the [DfE](#).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Attendance 09/11/20-13/11/20

Congratulations to Year 2 Maple who achieved 100% last week. Year 1 Ash, 3 Cedar, 4 Aspen and 6 Willow achieved 99%.

Dates

- **Last Day of term:** Friday 18th Dec
- **Christmas Holiday:** Mon 23rd Dec
- **Staff Inset(closed):** Mon 4th Jan 2021

New Absence Email

Please remember that you can email pupil absences via:
attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk
Please submit absences with the following details: 1.Pupils name 2. **Class** and 3. **Reason of absence/illness** by latest 9AM.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Obinwanne