



Thursday 14th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank all of our families for a smooth transition into remote learning. We hope that you have been able to settle into a routine whilst learning from home. Please remember the expectations for parents and carers

- Please help your child set up and access the Microsoft Teams and Seesaw lessons daily
- Please make ensure that your child logs into Microsoft Team on time daily
- Discuss with your child the appropriate way to behave in the meeting - in the same way as if they were in school with the member of staff. If a child is behaving inappropriately, the school may need to suspend their school account temporarily
- Please DO NOT film the session on another device, as this is a safeguarding and potentially a GDPR issue
- Only the child should be in camera view and contribute to the session during live calls

You may have seen that the government have postponed statutory assessments in primary schools for the summer. This means the school will not be undertaking SATs test

Leopold Food bank

Like we did in the last lockdown, we will be holding our own foodbank here at Leopold. We are asking you to donate any non-perishable/ essential items. These can be dropped off to both sites during the week. We will then invite families in need of support to come in and collect some essential on a Friday between 1pm and 2pm.

We thank you for your continued support.

Free school Meal Vouchers

Children entitled to free school meals will be issued with a £15 voucher every week from Edenred. Remember to check your emails and update the school office if your details change.

The voucher scheme is separate to the Food bank.

Parent Forum

We will be hosting our **Spring Parent Forum on Thursday 11th November 2021**. The Forum will address the changes announced by the Department for Education 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.

Devices



We are aware of a number of families who are requesting electronic devices. We are working hard to accommodate as many of these requests as possible but we only have a limited number of devices available. If you need a home learning pack, please collect this from the school office. Please remember to wear a face mask if you are attending the school site and maintain social distancing at all times.

Music lessons



Brent Music Service tutors are now all delivering instrumental lessons online which is great news as it means the children can continue their musical learning despite many children not being in school. If your child is in school they can also access these online lessons. We still have some places left for the following instruments:

- Guitar
- Drums
- Keyboard
- Piano (1-1 or in pairs)
- Violin

Please get in touch with the office as soon as possible to organise payment if you would like your child to have a place learning an instrument.

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

Free and regular coronavirus tests are now available for everyone in Brent aged 12 upwards, even if you don't have symptoms.

If you don't have symptoms of COVID-19, you can book a free rapid Lateral Flow Test, with results available in less than 40 minutes.

This type of testing is being offered as part of a six-week pilot run by Brent Council with the Department for Health and Social Care, until 24 January 2021 when it will be reviewed. Use the link for more information.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/covidtesting>

Please remember that if **you, your child or anyone in your household** have symptoms of COVID 19 and are awaiting the results of a test, **do not** send your children into school. Children must remain at home until the results of the test have been given.

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions, do **you, your child or anyone in your household** have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).



If you answer 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 are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

This sets out that they must:

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

If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Yours faithfully,

Ms Obinwanne
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