



Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and your families. I hope that you have had a restful, safe break.

On 4th January 2021 the Prime Minister announced that England will enter full lockdown due to being assessed at level 5 alert level. This is the top alert level which means “transmission is high or rising exponentially” and health services are at risk of being overwhelmed.

The school will now open for vulnerable and critical worker pupils only. All other pupils will receive learning online.

Critical workers’ children, who have adults at home who can look after them, should stay at home and receive remote learning. Pupil groups will be kept small within each year group.

The school COVID 19 risk assessment has been updated to include our latest arrangements. At this time, we advise that you closely adhere to the government guidance to stay safe during the COVID 19 pandemic.

If your child is eligible for free school meals (not including universal school meals) you will receive a weekly voucher. To register, please visit <https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/education-and-schools/student-and-school-information/free-school-meals/>

Online learning



It is expected that your child logs onto Microsoft Teams and Seesaw **daily** to access the learning online. Lessons will be delivered between 9am-3pm. You can communicate with class teacher and receive all login details via class dojo. Please use the link below to read the online learning expectations.

<http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Expectations-Online-Learning-Jan-2021.pdf>

Year group online provision letter are also available on the school website.

Curriculum letters will be uploaded onto the school website tomorrow. This is an opportunity to see what your child will be learning in the Spring term.

Music lessons





We will be moving all instrumental lessons with Brent Music Service (BMS) to an online platform. A link will be shared with parents by teachers. Further guidance for parents can be found in the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/173s5YPDvy18AI7eLnML7Tnc3X3eBB6TG/view>

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,

Mrs Octave
Acting Head of School