



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks pupils have settled back into school well. Our in-house therapist has delivered well-being and mindfulness workshops to ease the children back into the school routine. Overall, it has been a very successful return; we thank you for your support during the remote learning period and for your ongoing support of the school. Remember, it is compulsory for the pupils to attend school, remote learning will not be taking place (unless a bubble is isolating); however, the pupils will be able to continue using the online platforms to complete homework.

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day! Children can wear their own clothes and bring in £1 for Comic Relief.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

***To keep the school community safe; it is critical that families adhere to the follow guidance.***

Under **no** circumstance should you send your child to school:

- If your child is symptomatic
- If someone in your household is symptomatic
- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

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.

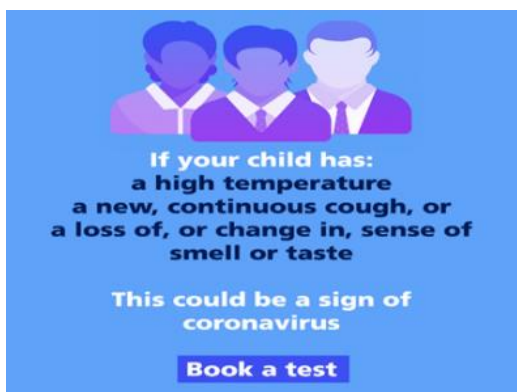
Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions, do **you, your child or anyone in your household** have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

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.

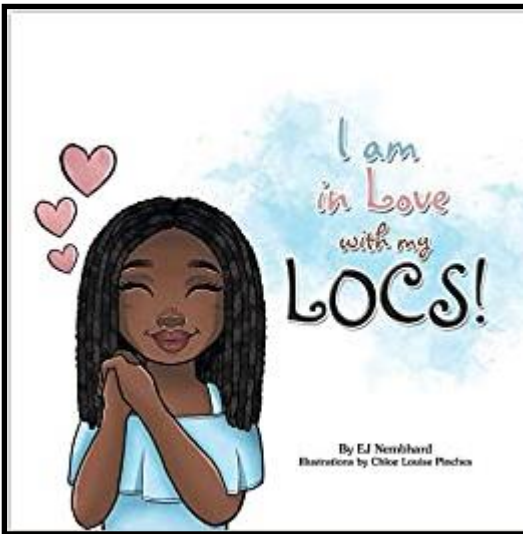
This sets out that they must:

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





### Achievements!



We are proud to announce that we have a published author in our midst! EJ in Year 2 has a book available on Amazon and Author House called: I am in Love with my Locs!

This is a truly remarkable and fantastic achievement; well done EJ! We are looking forward to your next publication!

### Music

It has been great to see lots of children at Leopold enjoying instrumental lessons with our visiting music tutors from Brent Music Service. We still have some spaces available for lessons in the summer term. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign your child up for any of the following instruments and a payment will be set up for you on ParentPay.

30-minute lessons (in groups of up to 4): £55 per term

- Keyboard
- Violin
- Guitar
- Drumkit

**Piano** 20-minute lessons in pairs: £75 per term

**Piano** 20-minute lessons 1-1: £150 per term

*A reduction of £45 in tuition fees (per term, per pupil) is available from BMS for children currently receiving Free School Meals. On receiving this, children must show good attendance and good progress.*

Lessons will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and some children may be placed on a waiting list if spaces fill up.

Highlights of the week	
<b>Stars of the week:</b>	
<b>R Moonbeam:</b>	Ramadanu & Amy
<b>R Sunshine:</b>	Mohammed A & Phebe
<b>Year 1 Ash:</b>	Issa & Amelia
<b>Year 1 Oak:</b>	Amiir & Warda
<b>Year 2 Maple:</b>	Tai-yen & Tanayah
<b>Year 2 Palm:</b>	Yonis & Hajar
<b>Year 3 Cedar:</b>	Dontae & Sara
<b>Year 3 Elm:</b>	Anwar & Rosa
<b>Year 4 Aspen:</b>	Saara & Knut
<b>Year 4 Teak:</b>	Ayoub & Teak
<b>Year 5 Chestnut:</b>	Jay & Dina
<b>Year 5 Juniper:</b>	Zakiyah & Andrea
<b>Year 6 Bonsai:</b>	Dontae & Sienna
<b>Year 6 Willow:</b>	Liban & Nadira



## Parent Gym



Parent Gym supports parents to give their children the best start in life through their **free, six-week** parenting programme. The programme helps parents to develop their practical parenting skills and provide a nurturing family environment. This in turn enables **children to make the most of all the learning opportunities that you provide at school.**

Their work is delivered at no cost to state-funded schools and children's centres. As a result of lockdown, they have developed a **virtual version** of their six-week programme, which they are really pleased to **offer to as many families as possible** during the summer term.

Here's what's covered in the fun, interactive programme:

- Week One – **CHAT** – How to communicate and listen
- Week Two – **LOVE** – How to balance warmth and discipline
- Week Three – **BEHAVE** – How to be consistent in setting boundaries
- Week Four – **CARE** – How to raise physically and emotionally healthy children
- Week Five – **DISCOVER** – How to encourage a positive learning environment at home
- Week Six – **TOGETHER** – How to build a solid family support network

Parents get free the digital Parent Gym magazine covering the weekly topic to use during the session and at home. This is a resource full of tips and strategies that parents can refer to at any time after the programme has finished.

The programme can also help develop a sense of community and support by further strengthening connections and creating friendships amongst parents – this can be within a specific year group or across the whole primary school, whichever you prefer. Parents often continue their journey together after the programme has ended.

*More information will follow in future newsletters.*

## School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform every day. Every item of clothing must have their name written on labels inside. Uniform can be purchased from RUMBLES UNIFORM SHOP, 598 HIGH ROAD, WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX, HA02AF Trainers are not part of the school uniform, this includes black trainers. <https://www.rumblesuniform.com/leopold-primary-school-136-c.asp>



## Safeguarding

At Leopold Primary School, we work hard to ensure all our children are safe. The school has a duty of care to report all safeguarding concerns. On some occasions, this may involve working in partnership with the Local Authority, the safer neighbourhood police and outside agencies. During these challenging times, we are acutely aware of the additional pressures that families are under and the potential risks and challenges they face. In the current situation, we felt it important to signpost families to sources of support, if they are needed. These are in addition to the many resources that we have available in-school and those that we have made available on our website during this period.

*If you believe a child is in immediate danger you should phone the police. Call **999**.*

If you have any concerns about a child being harmed or at risk of harm please contact Brent Family Front Door on **020 8937 4300** (option 1) to discuss your concern.

If you are calling outside normal office hours (9am - 5pm) please call the emergency duty team on: **020 8863 5250**.

The **NSPCC** Helpline is always available on **0808 800 5000**, if you have concerns for your own, or another child's safety. You can also report concerns to the police on their non-emergency number 101.

## Attendance

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please ensure that your child attend live sessions or the provision daily. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on **020 8 961 5336** or send an email [attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk) by 8:30am.

## The Race Equality Foundation



**E V E N S**  
EVIDENCE FOR EQUALITY NATIONAL SURVEY

DOCUMENTING THE LIVES OF ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

We are looking for people (aged 18 or over) to take part in the new Evidence for Equality National Survey (EVENS), to help us understand the realities facing ethnic and religious minority people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You have the option to complete the survey online or via telephone. Once you have completed the full survey, you will receive a gift voucher as a thank you for your time.

#EVENSurvey  
[bit.ly/evensurvey](http://bit.ly/evensurvey)

The Race Equality Foundation is working with Centre on the Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE) to document the impact of covid/lockdowns on minority ethnic people in the UK. The aim is to reach around 20000 people with this EVENS Survey.

The link to the survey is here: <http://bit.ly/evensurvey>

Everyone who completes it receives a £10 voucher!







**EVENS**  
EVIDENCE FOR EQUALITY  
NATIONAL SURVEY

DOCUMENTING THE LIVES OF ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN A TIME OF CRISIS

EVENS want to find out how the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdowns are affecting the lives of ethnic and religious minority people in England, Scotland and Wales, including education, employment and economic wellbeing, housing, social, political participation, health, and experiences of racism and discrimination.

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CEDE CENTRE FOR ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY  
Ipsos MORI  
Economic and Social Research Council

### Concerns for safety



There have been two incidents in the local area, where an unidentified male has approached schoolgirls walking home on their own. The two incidents are being considered as linked.

See pupils/parents general safety advice when travelling to and from school.

- Travel in groups where possible and stick to busy roads.
- Ensure that the pupils walking home alone keep charged mobile phones with them and inform family/friends when leaving school so that they will have an idea of when to expect them when they get home.
- Do not engage with strangers who approach them. They should run away and call 999 immediately if they fear for their safety.
- Police should be contacted as soon as possible and the school should be informed so that the circumstances can be investigated at the earliest opportunity.
- If any direct contact is made with clothing then keep this as there may be forensic opportunities for the police to progress.

### Food bank

Last week Leopold donated to the Brent Food bank. Thank you all for your contributions during the lockdown!



## RSE Parent Forum

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the RSE Parent Forum. The Forum addressed 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 summer term 2021.

During the Forum it was agreed that working parties would be created to specifically look at the RSE curriculum. The dates for these working parties are as follows:

**Years 5 & 6** on Thurs 18th March 2021 at 4pm

If you would like to be involved in these working parties, please email [admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk) to register your interest. Please be aware that the school is may not be able to accommodate all parents who register interest. The school will aim to have a diverse network of parents to support with the working parties.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Obinwanne  
Head of School



### Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 Ash (99%), Year 4 Aspen and Bonsai who achieved 100% last week. Well done!



### Dates

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Pupils can donate £1 and wear their own clothes for research.

**Half Term:** Thursday, 01 April 2021 – Friday, 16 April 2021

