

BONNEVILLE



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Success for today, prepared for tomorrow

Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope you are keeping well.

Hopefully, by now, you would have received the Risk Assessment, Pupil Behaviour Principles, Parent Principles and Staff Principles documents, which outline the fundamental approaches we must adopt in order to protect, as best we can, our establishment communities.

Risk Assessment

As a member of the Lambeth Schools Partnership Recovery Team, we have been part of first-hand discussions regarding the 'Lambeth Model Risk Assessment' document that has been shared with all schools.

Next steps are to produce Risk Assessments for key identified vulnerable staff and pupil groups such as:

- BAME Groups (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic)
- Critically extremely vulnerable
- Extremely vulnerable EHCP children

Working with the Unions

Today we have had fruitful discussions with our union members representing Teachers and Support staff

School Meals

Having now discussed 'Caterlink's' practicability and viability in line with our risk Assessment, they will exclusively be providing children with packed lunch meals throughout the duration of this alternative planning.

As usual, a meal will be provided for all Free School Meal families. Should you wish to purchase a meal for your child/ren, please book and pay in the usual way on Tucasi.

Key Workers

These children will continue to attend school as they previously have done. The children who are in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will form group Bubbles (of up to 15 children) as they have continued to be together throughout the lockdown period.

To support our staggered approach, they will attend from 8.30am to 3.45pm, apart from on Fridays, when school is closed to all children from 1pm.

Pupil Attendance Survey

The 'Pupil Attendance Survey' issued today will close at 8pm this evening, for this week only. Please remember, this is to state whether your child/ren will be attending school during week 1 (Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May).

On **Thursday 4th June** the survey will be released from **8.30am and close at 5pm** to survey attendance for week 2. You will receive acknowledgement of your intent and your child(ren)'s start time(s) on **Friday 5th by 4pm**, by return email from the Administrative Team.

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Further School Considerations

- Ensuring children have quality unguided time to play with their friends as part of the mental health recovery process from the impact of isolation on their general well-being.
- Due regard for how hard it will be for children to not mix with their friends if they are not in the same 'Bubble' Where possible we will build this into our group planning. However, once the 'Bubble has been formed, children will not be permitted to swap for any reason.
- Promoting regular toileting for children during the handwashing sessions

Jargon Buster

Please use this to unpick any unfamiliar short hand phrases noted within the risk assessment.

LHT- Lead Headteacher

HoS- Head of School

DHT- Deputy Headteacher

TA-Teaching Assistant

DSG- Designated Safeguarding Leader

SLT- Senior Leadership Team

PPE-Personal Protective Equipment

EHCP- Education Health Care Plans

Please note this is an internal working document that I am sharing with you.

This is a challenge for us and our families, as much as it is for you. Where you are struggling with childcare, so are our staff. Where you are struggling with personal health matters, so are our staff. Where you may live with critically vulnerable family members, so might our staff. All of which significantly reduces our capacity.

The Lambeth Schools Partnership have devised key principles that the vast majority of schools in the borough are working towards. This has been reassuring to ensure schools adopt a similar approach including staggered timetables, the delayed start for Pre-school and Nursery groups and most importantly the review of safeguarding processes for maximum protection for staff and pupils.

Thank you all for your support and understanding, working with us during this time of increased pressure on the school. The plans have been decided based on the outcomes of our staff survey and the resources we have access to, most of which I cannot disclose to you. I request your absolute trust that we have been thorough in our approach to provide the best we can during such unprecedented times.

Please remember, all previous letters can be found on the school's website, including these updates, under our COVID-19 tab.

Keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Regards,



Ms A. Parker
Lead Headteacher