



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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**Monday 16th March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support of the school in helping us to manage the present situation regarding COVID-19. We are continuing to follow the advice and guidance of Public Health England and The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) to ensure those in our community are kept as safe as possible whilst maintaining the best education possible.

At the present time, schools are not closing to pupils. However, we have decided to reschedule our Mothers' Day assemblies (Reception) to June (Fathers' Day) when we will celebrate with our fathers and grandfathers. We are also rescheduling our Year 4 assemblies until the summer term. Our mothers' day gift sale will take place but we are asking parents to add a donation to ParentPay rather than send money into school. We are asking Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents not to attend. We have not yet made a decision about the Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens but will let parents know by Wednesday afternoon.

We know the Government is reviewing the situation daily and should there be a change in government guidance, and schools need to close, we want to be prepared to support our pupils and their families.

In preparation, we have bought and prepared work for pupils to complete at home during any period of school closure. This pack for (Year 1 and Year 6) will be given to the children tomorrow afternoon. The pack of work will consist of a CGP English workbook and maths activity pack. We will also provide the children with an exercise book for creative writing. Class teachers will discuss how pupils use these books before they bring them home. Teachers will also remind pupils about taking care of their new resources and we would appreciate parents repeating this message.

As usual, children will also be able to access online learning through Bug Club, TTRockstars, MyMaths and Spelling Shed, and take home their reading book. Please make sure that your child is able to access these programmes.

We regularly watch 'Newsround' (CBBC) at school and would recommend 'Blue Peter' (CBBC) as an educational programme.

At present, teachers are preparing work on Google Classrooms (Year 1 to Year 6). Today, Mr Jacobs led an assembly to remind all pupils how to access the Google Classroom. This evening, we have asked all pupils to access the Google Classroom; if they have problems they must speak with

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their class teacher. We believe we know which pupils do not have access to technology at home. Please encourage your child to speak to their class teacher if this hasn't already been discussed with your child.

Nursery and Reception parents will be sent a separate letter from Mr O'Shea (Early Years Assistant Headteacher) about their work pack. It will be adapted to meet the need of younger pupils.

Once again thank-you for your support. We are here to answer any questions and senior leaders will be out on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. I also spoke with the Key Stage 2 pupils about the possibility that the school may close for a short period. All pupils were sensible and calm and determined to work with their teachers in this challenging situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Bowen-Breslin". The script is cursive and fluid.

**Mrs Ann Bowen-Breslin**  
**Principal**