



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Planning and Preparation for Schools *Possibly* Opening in June 2020 - as announced by the Government on Sunday 10th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family remain well.

Please do make contact if you have experienced difficulties so that we may support you and your child/ren. The school email (hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk) continues to be monitored closely during working days and messages are passed on quickly to the relevant member of staff who will then contact you.

Class teachers have also been in contact with a number of families who may be experiencing difficulties regarding home learning. Please do respond and let us know more about your child's learning. It is now an expectation that all pupils should be learning at home. Parents who have experienced difficulties with home learning should now have spoken with a member of staff for support.

Since the announcement about the possible return to school of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 there has been much consideration about the safest way forward. This has also been discussed with The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT). In Hugh Greenway's (TEFAT's CEO) letter (18/05/20) to Hillingdon Primary's parents and all parents in TEFAT he said,

'If we believe that the risk of infection is too high for children and/or for staff, then we will not reopen your child's school.'

I know there will be a range of opinions/thoughts among our community about how schools should move forward and this is the difficult decision I and TEFAT have to make for our school community.

As a parent of a Year 6 child I am also trying to decide what is best for my son and it's not an easy decision to make based on the many different opinions and interpretations of scientific advice so I understand the choices you may have to make and that you will make it in the best interests of your

child/ren. The virtual school will continue for all pupils. We are very mindful of the importance of education.

I ask for your continued support and give you my reassurance that any decisions will be made based on the knowledge we have and in the best interests of our school community. We will be honest about arrangements we are able to put in place should we open the school so you are able to make an informed decision. We will consider both the health and education of our pupils.

During half-term, the school will remain open providing free child care for our key workers.

Our term dates for 2019/2020 stated that Friday 22nd May, Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June were Training Days and therefore a holiday for pupils. Given the present situation and in discussion with teachers it has been decided that teachers will continue to provide home learning to pupils on these days.

Today a questionnaire will be sent to parents of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 asking them for their views on returning to school. Please complete this by Thursday 21st May, by 12 noon. At this point it is my understanding that parents are able to make the decision as to whether their child returns to school or whether they prefer them to remain at home. The more information parents are able to provide the more we will be able to plan for a possible return.

We are also likely to send a questionnaire home to all parents to understand their views on a return to school in the future although it is probable that some year groups will not return until September 2020. This questionnaire will be sent after half-term.

At the moment we are gathering information only to enable us to plan for the possibility of opening. We are considering a partial reopening at the beginning of June.

I know that the uncertainty makes it difficult for parents trying to plan and in particular working parents having to manage child care. We will communicate as soon as we are able to do so. The senior leadership and premises team will be working over the half-term break and we expect to be able to confirm our arrangements for the second half of the summer term during this week.

Yours faithfully,



Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal

Reminder / Extract from a letter on 11th May 2020

If as a result of the Prime Minister's announcements you need to access child care and you are not on our distribution list (established in the first week of the school closure following communication with parents) for child care please make contact with the school; please use the school's email address: hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk. Mrs Child's (Welfare Officer) will then make contact with you to discuss your individual situation and your child care requirements. Apologies in advance as we will need to ask some detailed questions. We will need to establish your right to

access child care and will ask for evidence that you are a key worker and are not able to work from home. We will also establish that there is no other adult in the family home who is able to provide child care.

Over the last eight weeks we have established an efficient booking system that once you have been given access will support you in booking child care each week. We have built in flexibility as we know that working arrangements can change but would appreciate it if you let us know as soon as possible if your circumstances change so that we have the correct child to adult ratio on site.