



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parent and Carer,

We hope you and your family remain well and family life is *starting* to return to a more normal routine.

Last week, the Government announced that schools would open to all year groups in September 2020.

We are delighted that we are able to move forward our plans for opening in September 2020. This includes reviewing the guidance published by the Department for Education [DFE Guidance 2nd July 2020](#) . The guidance introduction states:

‘This guidance is in 5 sections. The first section sets out the actions school leaders should take to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their school. This is public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE).

The rest of the guidance is focused on how the Department for Education (DfE) expects schools to operate in this new context. This includes:

- school operations
- curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support
- assessment and accountability
- contingency planning to provide continuity of education in the case of a local outbreak’

We will spend the next two weeks reading the guidance, planning and preparing for a safe return. As ever, the focus of our planning and preparation will be on the safety and well-being of our children, staff and families. I know that some families will be keen to know if the Breakfast Club and 4.30 Club will be operating. At this point I am not able to confirm that this provision will be in place. From my knowledge at present it is unlikely that both clubs will be in operation for the first two weeks of September. However, we will endeavour to consider them carefully and provide these clubs later on in September *if it is possible to do so*. Parents who use hSpecial Treasures should contact them directly; we are in discussion with them about the way forward.

Following the Government's announcement we are now in a position to confirm your child/ren's new teacher for September 2020; this information will be sent to you on Friday 10th July.

School reports have been completed and we will start sending them home to families the week beginning Monday 13th July. Usually all reports are sent home on the same day. However, this year it is safer to send them via email. This will take time for our office staff to manage and therefore reports will be sent on different days throughout the week.

The school will be closed to students over the summer period as we have builders on site refurbishing the school house. We also need to be particularly vigilant in preparing the school building for opening in September. Due to these plans we are not able to accommodate a summer holiday club. However, information will be sent to parents regarding an externally organised Summer club based at John Locke Primary Academy. John Locke is one of our partner schools as it is also part of The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT).

We will continue to update parents regarding our plans for reopening. If you are booking holidays please take account of the published dates for the autumn term. At this point our aim is to open on **Thursday 3rd September**. Once we open all students are expected to attend school. It is important that we start the term well and can immediately put into place our recovery curriculum so that we begin the job of 'catching up' with the learning that our students have missed.

Thank-you for continued support and patience.

Yours faithfully,



Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal

Reminder

Autumn Term 2020

Training Day **Training Day**

Term Starts
Half Term Holiday
Term Ends

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020