

January 2022 - Parent Newsletter



Tuesday 4th January 2022



Happy New Year

We hope that you all had a good Christmas break and quality time with family & friends.

Thank you on behalf of all the staff and myself for all the lovely cards and Christmas gifts received from pupils and families. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

As we enter a New Year, it does not seem that we are any less prisoners to COVID-19 which continues to impact on day to day living and the operations of educational settings and work places.

I guess a positive this year is that schools were able to reopen following the Christmas break and the majority of pupils can resume their learning. However, there have been some updates to the school's risk assessments and DfE guidance on the operational practice in educational settings from January 2022 which I would like to make you aware of as these may have implications for you and your children with regards to attendance and the evidence we will require from you before a child is readmitted into school following either contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 or having had the virus themselves.

COVID-19 guidance and actions update.

<u>Headline update</u>	<u>Action to be taken</u>	<u>School expectations.</u>
Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19	Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take LFT (Lateral flow test) on day 6	Parent/Carers are expected to submit the results of a PCR test whether it is positive or negative to the school via email to office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk Similarly, where a pupil has tested positive the school will send home remote learning which the child should complete

	<p>and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFT testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both of these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.</p> <p>Anyone who is unable to take LFT will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.</p>	<p>with the support of an adult when they are well enough to do so and upload daily to the class teacher.</p> <p>On day 6 and 7 the results of a LFD test must be submitted to the school and once the school has received the two negative test results the attendance office will confirm via email that the child may return to school.</p> <p>Where the LFD test result on days 6 and 7 are not submitted the pupil will need to complete the full 10 days isolation before they will be permitted to return to school.</p> <p>Parents and carers should also monitor that the child does not display any of the symptoms before sending their child back to school.</p>
<p>Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19</p>	<p>People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFT every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.</p> <p>Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while</p>	<p>Where this is the case the LFT results should be emailed to the school daily via email to: <u>office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk</u>.</p> <p>PCR test results must also be shared with the school</p>

	<p>waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the <u>stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.</u></p>	
<p>The current requirements on school to provide remote education will continue to remain in place.</p>	<p>We recognise that the high rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties with the availability of staff. Our shared priority with the DfE is to keep education settings open and children and young people continuing face-to-face education</p>	<p><u>Only in exceptional circumstances due to limited staffing</u> Where there is a need for remote education our remote learning practice will be implemented as the preferred method for providing teaching and learning wherever possible. There will be regular feedback and checking in with pupils.</p>
<p>Good levels of ventilation in classrooms to be maintained.</p>	<p>Schools must continue to ensure that teaching spaces are well ventilated</p>	<p>Parents/carers should ensure that their child attends school appropriately dressed with additional layers that can be removed or put on as and when required. .</p>
<p>Staggered starts and ends to the school day</p>	<p>The school will continue to maintain staggered starts and ends to the school day for the foreseeable future to minimise the number of adults in any one areas at any one time.</p>	<p>Daily temperature checks will also continue prior to a child entering a classroom.</p>
<p>Pupils displaying Covid Symptoms.</p>	<p>The aim is to avoid the risk of transmission. Where a child attending school displays any of the symptoms associated with Covid the school reserves the right to send the child home until a PCR test has been taken and the results submitted to the school.</p>	<p>PCR test results should be submitted to the school as soon as they are received – emailed to the school on Office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk</p> <p>If the result is negative the child may return to school when they feel fit to do so.</p> <p>If the result is positive they must following the government guidance re: isolation and remote learning will be sent so that when the child is able they can continue to engage in some learning.</p>
<p>Face coverings</p>	<p>Parent/carers must wear face coverings when entering the school reception area.</p>	<p>In most cases the office staff will step outside to address any concerns or issues parents' careers may have.</p> <p>We need to ensure that the risk of the transmission to school staff is minimised as much as possible to ensure the smooth</p>

		running of the school.
	When approaching a member of staff (class teacher) Please use a face covering and maintain at least a metres distance. Where possible communicate with the class teachers via Class Dojo.	Our priority is to ensure that the risk of the transmission to school staff is minimised as much as possible to ensure the smooth running of the school and not impact on your child's teaching and learning due to staff absence

Christmas raffle winners

Congratulations to all the winners in this years' Christmas raffle and thank you for all your support. It was an exciting day on Friday 17th December when the winning tickets were drawn and announced in a virtual assembly.

Staff update

This term we welcome Mrs. Shah who will be the new Nursery teacher.

Healthy Schools & Safeguarding

This term we will be launching the sugar smart campaign. So look out for information which will be coming your way in the coming weeks. It is linked to the issues shared with you in previous newsletters, shown below:

A harsh reminder!

Do you know it is a sign of neglect if your children have bad oral hygiene!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We continue to be surprised and shocked at the number of young children presenting at school with decaying teeth or being absent due to surgery to remove teeth or simply suffering with tooth ache. **Last term we learnt how one parent was forced to spend over £1000 at a local dental practice on dental treatment** which could have been avoided if better care of the child's teeth had been taken from birth. This all impacts on your child's well-being and learning.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to make sure that the children regularly brush their teeth and have a healthy diet.

I have been shocked at the number of parents that continue to bring sweets, chocolates, crisp and other high sugar/salt content food items to school at the end of the day when collecting their child.



Please note that **we do not permit these items** on the school site and would advise that if you need to bring something for your child to eat at the end of the school day and it cannot wait until they get home – you bring a healthy snack – fruit, raw vegetables and not chocolate bars, lollies or crisps!

No parent/carer wants to be accused of neglect, but under the remit of safeguarding and child protection this is! **So take action now, it is never too late!**

Dates for your diary.

What is coming up this term?

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Week beginning 17 th January	Reception	Virtual - English parents workshop		Focus of the workshop is letters and sounds (Phonics)	You Tube link to be provided.
17 th January	All year groups	Launch of sugar smart		Promotion and more details re: workshops to follow.	
Week beginning 24 th January	Reception	Virtual –parents workshop – visible learning		Focus of the workshop on developing the dispositions of an effective learner	You Tube link to be provided.
26 th January @ 6 p.m.	Year 2	Virtual –parents presentation by the Headteacher		Focus on preparation for SATs assessments and what the tests will involve.	Zoom link to be provided to Year 2 parents.
Week beginning 31 st January	Nursery	Virtual –Maths parents workshop		Focus of the workshop maths expectations in Nursery	You Tube link to be provided.
25 th February	All Year groups	INSET DAY – parents meetings & mid-year reports to be provided for pupils in specific year groups.	Appointments from 12.30 – 6.50 p.m.	Parents will receive notification to book an appointment with the teacher.	School
Week beginning 28 th February	Reception	Virtual – maths parents workshop		Focus of the workshop on calculations	You Tube link to be provided.
3 rd March	All Year groups	World Book Day		More information to follow nearer the time.	School
Week beginning 7 th March	Nursery	Virtual – English parents workshop –		Focus of the workshop on Communication & Language	You Tube link to be provided.
18 th March	All year groups	Comic Relief		Fund raising event in school.	School

Spring Term 2022

First day of school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Tuesday 4 January

Friday 14 January

Monday 14 February– Friday 18 February

Monday 21 February

Friday 25 February

Friday 1st April (finish at 2.15 p.m.)



REMINDER:
COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM CONVENES FROM SEPTEMBER!

Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesdays we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls and not**



their own sportswear. This uniform can also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.

Remember Black shoes (No Trainers please). Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance.

Required:

As and when cleaner: working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (**no qualifications** required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).



As and When Lunch time leaders (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m. Please visit the school office and request an application form.



As and when (Casual) Teaching Assistants to work with specific pupils with additional needs. Must have a level 3 qualification in teaching and learning (or be working towards one) or equivalent qualification.

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership
Supporting children, families and schools.



Our current School Counsellor!

Harrow Schools Counselling Partnership is in Kenmore Park Infant School. Sylvia McLeod the Therapeutic Lead at the school who is based here every **Wednesday will be leaving at the end of the month. We will update you once we have the details of the new therapeutic lead for the school.**



In the meantime, it is business as usual and below is a brief outline of the Harrow Schools Counselling partnership, what is on offer and how they can support you:

Supporting Parents - Sometimes, we could all do with someone to talk to and that includes you as parents. If you would like to meet with me (Sylvia McLeod) for a safe and confidential chat about you, your child, or any concerns you might have, I am available to meet with you every **Wednesday between 9:00-10:00am**. Please feel free to get in touch via email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org or by phone on 07901 000606 to book an appointment.

Supporting Children – I will offer a lunchtime drop-in for children who want to talk about any feelings or worries they may have: your child knows this as **The Space**. This is a safe, confidential space where children can feel listened to, feel better or to better understand their emotions. Consent will be needed. If you would NOT like your child to make use of this service, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Please do feel free to contact me at any time on any of the contact details below:

Contact details: Email smcleod17.307@lgflmail.org

Phone: 07901 000606

After School Extra Curricular Clubs.

This term we will be introducing two new after school clubs on a Tuesday and a Thursday – Football club and Discovery club. We have commissioned Super Star Sports to deliver the new clubs for pupils in Years 1 & 2 on our behalf. If your child has been offered a place you should receive a letter this week to confirm you still want the place and you will then be required to make the payment via Weduc before your child starts the club.

The Dance Festival club will continue for the children attending during the autumn term as we prepare to participate in the annual Dance Festival.

The new clubs have been offered in the first instance to children who have not yet attended a club during the autumn term. We would like all children in years 1 & 2 to have the opportunity over the year to attend at least one club during the school year.

Attendance highlights from the month of December

During the month of **December**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Starfish Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
1 – 3 December	Starfish	100%
6 -10 December	Starfish	99.2%
13 - 17 December	Starfish	97.6%
Month of December	Starfish	98.8%

School Travel

Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery is a Healthy School and also has a Travel plan which means that the school is passionate about the health and well-being of its pupils and school community including parents/carers.

We feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scooter to school rather than using the car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school. As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – ‘WOW’. Children who walk to school every Wednesday of each month will receive a WOW badge at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative.



Congratulation to the two pupils from the reception classes who won the scooters in our Christmas raffle.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31 AUGUST 2018

You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2022**

APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk