Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our children found out who their new teachers are. It’s hard to believe, but it is that time of year again: Transition!

It is certainly a strange and different way, to move up to the next year group, given that most of the children have not been in school since March.

For our Year 6s in particular, it must be upsetting to think of all of the things that would usually be happening at this time of the year but aren’t. We know it is not fair but we are so proud of how they have managed these changes. There is no doubt in any of our minds that they will also take on the challenge of transitioning to secondary school with the same positive attitude that they have shown us thus far.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher
It’s been a couple of weeks since we’ve had any new DfE guidance, but...this week they made up for it! 35 pages of guidance arrived on Thursday and, along with schools across the land, we will be spending a considerable amount of time to understand it, question it, apply it to our school and to implement it. A huge undertaking, but the prize is a full return for our children in September.

The low infection rates in Haringey (there are currently on average about 7 a week) and in most parts of the country has prompted this shift in guidance. Where currently we are asked to maintain groups (or ‘bubbles’) of 10-15 children, separate from all other groups, from September that group size jumps to 30 to allow for full classes. It is our job to configure the school and routines that make this possible – now...any of you who have ever MET a child, can appreciate what an undertaking that is!

But, try we must because our children belong in school. That is our aim and, as always, we will endeavour to consider each and every option to ensure the safety of our children, staff and families.

The guidance is long and complicated, but I have summarised the main points in the following page.  

If this experience has taught me anything, it is that guidance is subject to (frequent) change! We will keep an eye on the changing landscape, infection rates and further guidance, and I will keep you informed as best I can. For those that wish to read the guidance, it is available here. 

It is important that the children are able to enjoy the Summer and return to school with a confidence that comes from understanding the new routines and expectations,. With that in mind, we have a number of ‘virtual’ and ‘actual’ sessions for them to hear from their teachers (current and new) and to ask the questions that will give them peace of mind. Please see below details around the transition events.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school and we’ll be happy to address them as best we can. Have a wonderful weekend and we’ll see you soon. Mr. McNicholas
DfE Guidance for September Opening
Given the low instance of the virus in the community, the measures in schools have been eased so that year groups of 60 can be treated as a ‘protective bubble’. These bubbles will be kept away from each other as far as possible, but the approach will allow for all children to return to education in September, so long as the virus stays under control and infection rates remain low.

In Summary:
• ‘Pausing’ of shielding and new expectations around ‘vulnerable’ children and staff (vast majority are expected to return).
• Year group Bubble size now 60 / class size 30 (to be kept apart from other bubbles, staggering all start/end times, breaks, etc).
• NO social distancing is expected between pupils in the bubble of 60.
• Teachers are expected to keep distance from each other and the pupils as much as possible
• Close monitoring of symptoms in pupils and staff
• Compulsory engagement with NHS Test and Trace
• Increased hygiene and cleanliness routines
• No large gatherings of pupils (outside of bubbles of 30)
• No masks/face coverings for pupils or staff
• Children seated facing forwards in the same direction
• Attendance will be compulsory again
• Contingency plans for effective remote learning in case of another lockdown should be in place
• Remote Teaching/Learning – if required children will be expected to do work set and hand in.
• Increased and High expectations around behaviour and following ‘new rules’
Controls: I include a specific page from the guidance for your information – these are the ‘controls’ that are intended to provide protection from infection and to ensure rapid response should there be a case or an outbreak. These controls, and the current low rate of infection in the community, are at the heart of the Government’s plans to return all children to education in September.

System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into ‘prevention’ and ‘response to any infection’ and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Prevention:
1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Number 6 applies in specific circumstances.

Response to any infection:
7) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
8) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
9) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.
Black Lives Matter.
We are continuing to think about, support and develop the Black Lives Matter movement, and all of the associated issues and challenges, and this week, I’d like to share some resources with you.
Staff have been working with the children, and I know that they have found the sessions incredibly useful and worthwhile. We will be joining with all of our Local Schools next week to form a steering group to share good practice, ideas and impetus. More to follow.

Stories and Authors Library: Firstly, I’d like to share this Virtual Library, full of free books to share with your children. From Black Lives Matter to Black Heroes to books by prominent black authors.

CLICK here to access library

BLM - Parents’ Guide
This excellent guide is full of information to help you have meaningful and progressive conversations with your children, as well as to reflect on your own knowledge and experience. It has context, history, book suggestions and a host of web links for further reading. A most recommended resource.

Click HERE to open a copy
2020/2021 U12s U14s & U15s Haringey Girls Academy Trials

For current Year 5, 6, 7, 8 and Year 9 girls

Sunday July 12th
(Date TBC due to Public Health England updates)

6pm - 8pm
Barnet Powerleague
Off Colney Hatch Lane, N10 1ST

To register please email haringeygirlsacademy@gmail.com

When registering please provide your daughters name, date of birth, parental contact number, email and current football club. The trial will involve players taking part in small sided games on Astro Turf, so please bring suitable footwear and clothing.
HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMP

FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORTS

Mon 20th July to Fri 14th August 2020

Time: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

NEW LOCATION: MARKFIELD PARK MUGA, CROWLAND ROAD, N15 6UR (OPPOSITE GLADESMORE SCHOOL)

Age: 5 - 15

Our Summer Holiday Programme is back with some changes, but still involves fun games and competitions. Sessions will allow participants to develop their skills and techniques in a wide variety of sports while practicing social distancing in small groups.

Football Camp: 9:00am - 12:00pm | Multi Sports Camp: 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Cost: £8 per session

All bookings must be made in advance online and spaces are limited.

For more information on the changes we have made in relation to COVID-19 and to book please visit our website www.hrsportsacademy.co.uk

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