



# Churchfields Infants' School

# Newsletter

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## Rising Covid-19 Cases

Firstly, thank you all for your support and patience during the last couple of weeks. Like other local schools, we have many pupils and staff required to isolate as we continue to follow current government guidance regarding isolation for close contacts. Sadly, we have had to close a bubble this week.

We now know that the government have announced that they are scrapping isolation for bubbles or close contacts with positive cases. Please be aware that this new guidance is not in place yet and we must continue to follow current procedures. We hope to keep as many children in school as we can.

We are experiencing an increase in children with Covid-19 symptoms and have been required to send a number of children home. As a reminder:

- **Please do not send your child/ren in if they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms. They must isolate and take a PCR test, not an LFD test.**
- **If you or a family member display any symptoms, please do not send your child/ren into school.**
- **If you or a family member tests positive for Covid, then your child/ren must isolate for 10 days.**

We are desperately trying to keep all bubbles open until the end of term.

## Covid-19 Government Guidance

I have now received the guidance from the government which outlines how the current restrictions can be removed, including bubbles and staggered starts, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. As you will appreciate, it will be a lot of change for our young children, especially drop off and collection arrangements, for the last three days of term. We will keep most of our safety measures in place until the end of term and, if all continues to be well, look forward to implementing new arrangements from September.

I know that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July there is no need to wear face coverings, but I ask you to be respectful of our staff team and to wear a face covering if you need to directly speak to them. I am sure you will understand that after the challenging year we have all experienced, we do not wish to develop symptoms during the first few days of the holiday. I thank you for your understanding and know many of you are anxious too.

## End of Year Reports

Reports will be going out on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July and will be handed to parents at the end of the day.



If another adult will be collecting your child that day, please email the School Office to indicate that you give permission for that person to collect it on your behalf.

## Children Leaving School

Is your child moving to another school at the end of this academic year, or not transitioning to the Junior School for Year 3?

If so, please contact the School Office as you may need to complete the Child(ren) Leaving School Notification form so the borough can be advised of any changes.

## Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

Would it be a good thing or a bad thing if all stories came true?

Why?



## Diary Dates

**Class Reports & New Classes**

Monday 12 July

**Virtual PTA AGM**

Tuesday 13 July  
7:30pm

**Summer Break**

Thursday 22 July  
to  
Tuesday 31 August

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## Meeting New Teachers

Most of our Y2 children have now visited the juniors to explore their new school and meet their teacher. They really enjoyed their visit and are ready for the next stage of their learning journey. If they missed the opportunity due to isolation, we will try to organise another time before the end of year.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, children in Y1 and YR will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers. We have planned to host these meetings outside so that we can maintain distancing and not create any additional risk of closing bubbles.

Teachers will be available in the playgrounds so that you will be able to say a quick hello. Please note that it will not be possible to have a long conversation as we need to keep the meeting as brief as possible. Please be assured that teachers have been meeting as part of our transition process and your child's new teacher will be fully aware of their needs. We will be writing to you with more details shortly.

Last year our 'Meet the Team' videos were popular with our families so we will be repeating this again. During the last few days of term you will receive a video introducing your child's teacher and team. You will be able to view the recording during the holiday to ease the transition to the next year group.

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

All children in the Infants' get a school dinner at no cost to parents and carers.

However, if you think you are entitled to benefits, you can register for Free School Meals online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk), or over the telephone by contacting the Awards & Support Team on 0208 708 3114/2561. If you would like any assistance or have any questions, please call the School Office or speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck on the school gate.

These links also provide useful information:

<https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/Coronavirus/>

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/coronavirus-check-what-benefits-you-can-get/>

**If your registration is successful, our school will receive vital extra funding.**

**Some see hard work. You see a Happy Ever After. Foster for Redbridge.**



You could be the one to teach a teenager independence and help to guide and coach them into adulthood.

Over 200 children in Redbridge are unable to stay at home for a variety of different reasons and need foster care. Be the change that they need and help to make a difference to their life.

If you have a place in your heart and home to foster a young person, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email [fostering@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@redbridge.gov.uk) or join us on our next virtual information session on 3 August 2021 6pm to 7pm. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foster-for-redbridge-virtual-information-session-030821-6-7pm-tickets-135311567541> to book a place.

**One of our parents is a supervising social worker in this field, working with many carers who are currently fostering. If you would like any advice about what this entails, please contact the School Office for details.**



**If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of  
coronavirus**

**Book a test**

**If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

**These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP**