



# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Wider Reopening of our School**

On Monday of this week, the Department for Education gave schools permission to reopen some year groups **if they have capacity to do so**. Having spoken with staff and governors, we are all keen to reopen for any children who wish to return to school before the summer holiday. It is clear to all of us how much returning to school has meant to those children who have already returned and so we really wish to offer this to other year groups. Huge thanks to our staff for making this happen. Please bear with us as we reopen safely:

We are planning to reopen in the following year groups on the following dates:

**Willow – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Cedar – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Sycamore – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**Chestnut – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – INSET day to plan for September**

**I will write to Cedar, Sycamore and Chestnut class parents and carers with your arrangements next week.**

I thought I should write to you before you and your children return to school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We are all looking forward so much to seeing you all and we want to make your return to school as smooth as possible. School will be quite different for you and for us so here goes!

## **Willow Class – Y2 return to school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Please help us by talking things through with your child so they are prepared for things on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Year 2 children will need to be dropped at the gate in Frideswide Place at 9.00am. There will be markings so please social distance and explain the need to do this to your child. Parents and carers are not allowed on the school site. Pick up will be from the Frideswide Place gate as well at 3pm. Please be on time as there will be no breakfast or after school clubs (or indeed any other clubs for now).

## **The Bubbles**

The classes have been split into two bubbles of not more than 15 children. Emma, Irene and Kahina will teach the first bubble on Mondays and Tuesdays and then the same team will teach the second bubble on Thursday and Friday. Your classroom will be Willow classroom. The classroom will be cleaned thoroughly on Wednesdays to minimise any contamination between the two groups. If you have not yet told us that you would like your child to return, then that's fine. Just email [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) and we can add your child to one of the groups.

## **Please Bear With Us...**

This model allows the children to resume a school routine slowly. Staff also need to gain confidence in the new ways of working. There are going to be challenges regarding space when other groups begin to return.

## **Key Worker Provision**

The key worker provision will continue. The KS2 group will be based in Beech class and the EYFS/KS1 group will be based on Acorns class. The groups will not mix and unfortunately you will need to choose between two days of Willow class time OR the key worker provision.

## **Lunches**

Lunches will be eaten in class. The kitchen will make school packed lunches for any children who would like one or you can send in a packed lunch with your child/ren.

## **Trips and Visitors**

Unfortunately trips and visitors to our school site will not happen in the summer term for obvious reasons.

## PE

Chloe or Thomas from Bloomsbury Football Club will be able to coach the children from a distance in the MUGA or in the hall. There will be plenty of opportunities for your children to be active and use our PE resources in school.

## Online Learning

If your child is not in one of the Y2 Bubbles, the Government recommendation is that they should access learning for the remaining days each week through the Oak National Academy website. Here is a link to the Oak Year 2 learning:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-2/>

We also like the BBC Bitesize lessons. Here is a link to their Year 2 learning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z7s22sg/year-2-and-p3-lessons>

## Hygiene

We will be taking the following steps to keep everyone safe in school:

- Handwashing with cleanser on entry to school and throughout the day
- Hand sanitiser is also available
- Windows will be kept open for ventilation (layer up if it is a cool day children)
- **Lots of learning outside wherever possible**
- Tissues available in class for “catch it, bin it” if your children sneeze
- Turned off water fountains – please send in water for your child to drink. **A label with your child’s name helps.**
- Deep cleaning has happened over half term and this will continue, with a focus on door handles, light switches etc.
- Sharing of resources will be kept to an absolute minimum.

## If a Child or an Adult is Ill

If a child develops symptoms in school, then they will be isolated straight away in Grant’s office where the windows will be open. An adult will supervise from a distance. You will be called and you **MUST** collect your child immediately. The staff member will also be sent home and a test should be arranged that day. You can either visit a drive in centre or order a testing kit which will be delivered to your home. The test should be carried out within 3 days for accuracy.

If the test is positive, then the child should self- isolate for 7 days and the household for 14 days. The same will be expected of the staff member/s involved.

If a child or an adult has a positive test, then the bubble groups will both be expected to self-isolate for 14 days.

Testing is now much more freely available, several staff members have needed a test in recent weeks and they have accessed this. All tests were negative.

## And Finally

Please do not send your child in to school if they have:

- a high temperature (if their chest or back feels hot to the touch)
- a new, continuous cough – coughing for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste (some people have lost their senses completely, others have noticed a change).

Although there is a lot to take on board here, we will all quickly adapt. We really wish to help Y2 to have a great last half term and we can’t wait to see them. Please email if you are unsure of anything: [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk). We will do our best to answer your questions.

We are all looking forward to seeing you and your children when they return to school.

Best wishes,

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