



# Howard Primary School

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Coronavirus update**

We continue to work hard to minimise the risk of infection and transmittance of COVID19 amongst staff, pupils and their families and all within our school community. We obtain regular advice from Public Health England, NHS, Croydon Council and the Department for Education in order to stay well informed as to preventative measures and use this advice to inform and update our school's risk assessment as necessary.

We regularly liaise with Croydon Headteachers and school leaders to stay updated as to the status of coronavirus within the borough. For some Croydon schools, the impact of coronavirus has meant that they have had to place heavy restrictions on staff, parents/carers and visitors or close either due to staffing shortages or following advice from Public Health England due to the number of cases at their setting.

We are keen to avoid having to take such action and, with this in mind, the following COVID-safe measures will still be in place at school:

- We will continue to sanitise hands on entry to the School
- We will continue to promote frequent handwashing and good hygiene habits
- We recommend that all adults (parents/carers, visitors and staff) on the school premises wear face masks.
- We will continue to review our Risk Assessment on a half-termly basis in order to keep our school and the wider community as safe as possible.
- We continue to keep year groups separate during playtimes and lunchtimes.
- We are particularly mindful of ventilating all areas throughout the day as per official guidance. Please send your child to school with additional layers of clothing.
- We will continue to stagger entry and exit times to reduce the flow of children entering/exiting the building at any one time (please turn over for timings)
- Parents and carers are unable to enter the school building unless they're invited to do so by a member of staff or have a pre-booked appointment.
- Any outstanding Parent - Teacher Consultations will still be held via Zoom. We will review this arrangement closer to the dates of the Spring Term Parent - Teacher consultations.
- Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons, instead of bringing their PE kit to school



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If your child displays **any** of the following symptoms, they must not come to school, self-isolate immediately and take a **PCR** test:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot , for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

A lateral flow test is not sufficient if your child has any one of the above symptoms.

## Class Entrance / Exit Times

Children will enter / exit via school entrances on Dering Place only. Please ensure your child arrives at school, and is collected, on time.

The timings for each year group are as follows:

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Reception	8.55am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	3.20pm
Year 5	8.45am	3.20pm
Year 6	8.45am	3.20pm

Thank you for contributing to the continued safety of our school community by adhering to these COVID safe measures.

Yours sincerely,

**Howard Primary School Governors and Senior Leadership Team**



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