



**Tavistock Primary &
Nursery School**

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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Weekly Email

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Happy New Year (but not quite the start we wanted!)

I know that last night's announcement was a disappointment to us all as a school community, who spent yesterday preparing to welcome all children back to school. I have some strong personal views of how this has been handled by education's national leaders but these opinions are better kept to myself for the moment!

We have worked throughout the day to make significant organisational arrangements and, as ever the staff team have been phenomenal in their flexibility and dedication to meet the needs of our children and families. I apologise for the length of this information but please get in touch with any queries.

NURSERY

Our Nursery is open for all children for their usual booked sessions 9-12/12-3pm.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR KEY WORKERS

If you are a key worker for essential services and have no alternative childcare, your child/children should come to school every day 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Please make sure you have completed and returned the form via Parentmail. Children will be taught in their year groups and follow the same learning as children who have to stay at home. Children should wear school uniform. Although we have heating on for parts of the day, the rooms can be cold at times and children should wear additional layers under their school uniform.

SCHOOL PLACES FOR OTHER ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

If your child has an EHCP or other qualifying circumstance, then they should come to school every day 9am-3pm. Teaching Assistants will be supporting individual

children in the usual way. Children should wear school uniform. Although we have heating on for parts of the day, the rooms-can be cold at times and children should wear additional layers under their school uniform.

REMOTE LEARNING

From tomorrow, class teachers will be holding a morning ZOOM meeting for their year group and detailing and explaining the required daily activities. The ZOOM invitation and the linked activities will be on your parent TAPESTRY account. Although we will direct children to some online learning, we are keen that children do not spend all day in front of a screen and their activities will need to be completed using pens/pencils and paper. Exercise books need to be collected from the outdoor classroom (school office if raining) tomorrow morning from 10am. Children's completed work can be uploaded for teachers to review and teachers will respond to queries and give feedback between 9am to 3pm.

TECHNOLOGY

We have a few laptops which can be lent to families so that children can access their learning. We also have some free data (30GB) on SIMs which fit all types of tablets, dongles and wi-fi devices. Do get in touch with the school office if your family needs some resources.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our kitchen is planning to provide a choice of hot and cold lunches for the majority of children on site - YR, Y1 and Y2 children and all FSM children will be catered for.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (8-9am/3-4pm)

We have very limited availability in our clubs and places will only be allocated on an essential usage basis. For this week only, please contact the school office to book a place.

RULES

Since March 2020 we have assessed, established and reviewed procedures across the school in order to reduce risk to everyone. BUT this only works if we all (children and adults) follow the rules! We will be reminding children and enforcing all of our rules with them and it would be useful if you could talk to them at home before tomorrow.

Reminders -

- Only 1 adult with a child and you need to arrive/collect and leave the playground promptly (no playing on equipment)
- Everyone needs to wash their hands on entry, after play, before lunch and before return to class
- Children who are a risk to others by not complying with health and safety requests will need to be collected by a parent

Many thanks for all your messages of support,
Lynnette Selbie