



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been back in school for six weeks now and I am so proud of our school community. Proud of our brilliant children who have adapted to our new routines. Proud of our staff team with the way they have settled children back into their classes and into their learning. We are so very grateful for all the support that you, parents and families, have given us and your children. When we work together we can achieve so much!

We may be in challenging times but there is still good news to share!

I am pleased to say that as a school we have received the "Music Mark" for the second year running after being nominated by Brent Music Service for our provision and participation in all things musical! The performing arts really are part of the heart beat of our school; we are working hard to ensure that it remains that way!



**SCHOOL  
MEMBER**

### Invitation to the Mayor's Schools for Success programme 2020/21

*"I would like to thank you for being part of the Mayor's 2019/20 Schools for Success programme. You have helped your low-achieving students do exceptionally well alongside ensuring all your students have a bright future. As schools re-open to more children, we want to provide as many opportunities as we can for senior leaders and teachers to share good practice. We have therefore made the decision to invite all schools that joined Schools for Success in 2019/20 to take part in the programme in 2020/21."*



### Parent Governor Election...

At this the time of writing we have had four parents nominated for two parent governor vacancies so there will be an election. The details will be sent out next week - there may be even more candidates by the end of the day!

### Parents with Children in Year 6...

Don't forget that you must complete your application for a place for high school for September 2021 by 31st OCTOBER. It is vital you don't miss this deadline!

Stay safe and well.

**Best wishes**  
**Mr. James Simmons**  
**Headteacher**

## Black History Month Competition led by Ms. Brown, Humanities Leader

As part of Black History Month, Ms Brown has organised a special competition for children to get involved in.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH DESIGN A POSTBOX COMPETITION

Design your own post box featuring a black person who is **British**.

The Royal mail have painted four post boxes black to honour black Britons. Each box features a significant figure from the black community.

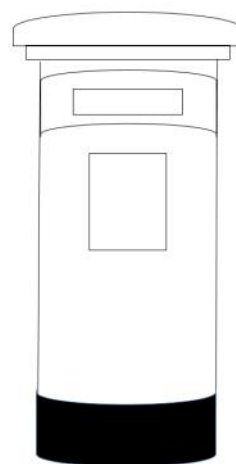


copies).

### On your post box you should

**include:** Information about their life and why you chose to write about them.

You can draw your own post-box and design it or use the template provided. (Your teacher will have



### Some people you might write about

**are:** Benjamin Zephaniah, Mary Seacole, Lenny Henry, Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Malorie Blackman, David Olusola, Lubaina Himid, Ashley Banjo

**Competition  
entries to be in  
by the 2nd of  
November.**

Hand entries into your Class teacher or upload a Copy to your google Classroom account by the 2nd of November.



## Covid update...

As I am sure you are aware, yesterday, London was moved to TIER 2 on the Covid alert level. The information below summarises what this means. The school remains open. Many parents have asked me about the likelihood of a short lockdown or circuit breaker taking place; my honest answer is that I simply do not know. Schools and headteachers are not given any advance warning of changes in measures being taken - I will find out at the same time you will!

VERY HIGH

HIGH

MEDIUM

 HM Government



# LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

# HIGH

<b>Social Contact</b> 1 household / bubble indoors. Rule of six outdoors. 	<b>Weddings and Funerals</b> Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies. 	<b>Overnight Stays</b> Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules. 	<b>Working from home guidance</b> Work from home where possible. 
<b>Shopping and Retail</b> Open. 	<b>Leisure and gyms</b> Open. 	<b>Hospitality</b> Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only. 	<b>Entertainment and tourist attractions</b> Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment. 
<b>Education</b> Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions. 	<b>Healthcare Services</b> Open. 	<b>Residential Care</b> Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances. 	<b>Travel and Transport</b> May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible. 
<b>Sporting Activity</b> Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport). 	<b>Worship</b> Open, subject to social contact rules. 	<b>Childcare</b> Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s. 	<b>Youth Clubs and Activities</b> Permitted. 

**There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:**

**Wash hands**  
keep washing your hands regularly

**Cover face**  
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

**Make space**  
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)**

## Harvest Appeal 2020...

Now, more than ever, we need to think about how we can help to look after others in our local community who might be struggling at this time.

Each year, we support the Brent Foodbank with our Harvest appeal and I hope this year you will be able to support in your usual generous way.

We are asking that next week, on Thursday 22nd Oct or on Friday 23rd October, children bring in their contribution to school.

To help us do this in a safe way we are...

- Only asking for smaller items so they are easy for children to carry into school
- Children will take their contribution to their classroom where they will put into storage for a few days before being handled by anyone else.
- Asking children to bring items in over two days, Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd Oct

## This year we are asking you to donate...

- **Baby toiletries - such as shampoo, bubble bath or baby lotion**
- **Soap**
- **Shampoo**
- **Tooth paste**
- **Tooth brushes**

**Thank you in advance for your support**



**Brent Foodbank**  
**brent.foodbank.org.uk**

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1110522)

**SCHOOL HARVEST  
COLLECTION 2020**



**COLLECTION  
POINT HERE**



## An update from Brent...

### Videos explaining NHS Test and Trace

The new Test and Trace app is an important new tool to control the spread of Coronavirus. As Brent's Public Health Director Dr Melanie Smith recently said, "the app will allow us all to know more quickly if we're at risk of the virus – so we can take action fast and protect our communities and the ones we love."


To help encourage as many people as possible to download the app, Brent have put together videos in some of the most commonly-spoken languages in the Borough

English, with Dr John Licorish – <https://youtu.be/B94-OYTSnoY>.

Somali – <https://youtu.be/yqzPDpUPF9s>

Arabic – <https://youtu.be/23pOR6NwL2c>

Gujarati – <https://youtu.be/FnQC2v7BMqI>



**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**

## Safeguarding Alert from Brent...

You may have read or heard this in the media regarding an incident which took place in Camden. We have been asked to share this information with parents.

# Drug Information Alert

### DATE:

**7 October 2020**

(to be displayed until 7 November 2020)

### **Danger:** NORTH LONDON CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL AFTER EATING 'CANNABIS-LACED SWEETS'

Several school-aged children from Camden have been taken to hospital having consumed **Nerds sweets** containing **tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**.

**Details:** 13 Highgate pupils fell ill after eating what they believed were 'sweets'. Police have said the sweets were believed to contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an active ingredient of cannabis.



**Consequences:** *Please note that children often have a smaller body mass than adults, so the effects may be more profound.*

Cannabis produces a fast heart rate at low doses, but larger doses can slow the heart & lower blood pressure. Sudden death has been reported in cannabis users. Cannabis can increase the risk of heart attack & the risk is 4-fold higher within the hour following cannabis use. It can induce a psychotic syndrome, and can cause apprehension, anger and depression. Cannabis is also associated with lung disease and chronic cough.

### **Harm reduction:**

For any emergency medical situations, attend your local Accident & Emergency Unit or call 999.

Inform family members and friends.

**For more information, speak to your keyworker**

**The alert should be displayed with the date it should be taken down.**

The impact of an alert is lessened the longer it is displayed.

If the issue is still a concern after the date specified, **an update can be issued.**

**WDP**

## Please don't forget key information...



If your child is unwell for **other reasons than Covid-19**, you must report the sickness absence of your child in the usual way (call the school office) and send your child back to school when they are well. Please be clear about your child's symptoms when speaking to our office team.

## For drop off and pick up times and which gate to use...

Year Group	Which Gate?	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery (AM)	Kingsbury Gnds Gate	8.20-8.30	11.20-11.30
Nursery (PM)	Kingsbury Gnds Gate	12.20-12.30	3.20-3.30
Reception	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 1	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 2	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.30-8.40	3.30-3.40
Year 3	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 4	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 5	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.30-8.40	3.20-3.30
Year 6	Coniston Gnds Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40

If you have more than one child, start at the gate for the earliest drop off and we will guide you what to do next. Senior staff and other staff are available each day to help you.

Please don't forget to social distance from other families as you arrive and leave school. We have set up lines and signs to help but we need your support to make it work. Please follow our guidance and keep social distance rules to help keep us all safe. Thank you.

## What does my child need to bring to School?

- Children **DO** need to bring a packed lunch to school, unless they are having a school packed lunch.
- Children **DO** need a named water bottle.
- Children **DO** need to bring a coat to wear as needed for the autumn weather!
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in pencil cases – we will supply them with equipment.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in bags.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in PE kits – they should wear their PE kits to school to avoid the need to change on their PE day.
- Children **DO NOT** need to bring in book bags, we have set up electronic books for children to access and homework will be completed online to reduce paper and books going between school and home.

## What does my child need to wear to school?

- Children should wear school uniform as per our uniform policy.
- On PE days, children should wear school PE kit to school.
- Children in Y1 & Y2 can wear trainers for PE rather than plimssoles.
- See the next page for details of when each class has PE and which days they should come to school in their PE kit.



## What days does my child need to wear PE kit to school?

Class/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RN		✓			
RP					✓
1O		✓		✓	
1T	✓		✓		
2B	✓		✓		
2D		✓		✓	
3AV		✓	✓		
3B	✓			✓	
4M	✓		✓		
4P		✓		✓	
5L		✓	✓		
5S	✓			✓	
6C	✓		✓		
6S		✓		✓	

## What should my child wear on PE days?

- Grey or black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt without any logos/badges or designs
- Grey or black jogging bottoms may be worn in the winter months.
- Trainers for all children as they will spend the day wearing them - plimsoles are not suitable for children to wear all day.



*If your child has an old PE kit from last year which they still fit, please use it. 2020/21 is a transitional year between our own uniform and our new uniform policy.*

**NOTE: On PE days, trainers DO NOT need to be all black, they just need to be safe and comfortable. Please do not rush out to buy new ones!**

## How school events are being affected and our planning for the future...



### Term Dates for 2020-21

Autumn Term: Weds 2nd Sept to Fri 18th Dec 2020 (with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sept as CPD days)  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 7th Sept**  
*Half term week Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2020*

Spring Term: Monday 4th Jan 2021 to Weds 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (with 4th Jan as CPD Day)  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 5th Jan 2021**  
*Half term week: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021*

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021  
**Children return to school on Tues 20th April 2021**  
*Half term week Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021*  
*Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

#### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2020-21**

- Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 19th April 2021

### Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term: Weds 1st Sept to Fri 17th Dec 2021 (with 1<sup>st</sup> Sept as CPD day)  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Thursday 2nd Sept**  
*Half term week Monday 25th Oct to Friday 29th Oct 2021*

Spring Term: Tues 4th Jan 2022 to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (with 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Jan as CPD Days)  
**Children return to school on Thursday 6th Jan 2022**  
*Half term week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022*

Summer Term: Tues 19th April 2022 to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (with 19<sup>th</sup> April as CPD day)  
**Children return to school on Wednesday 20th April 2022**  
*Half term week Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022*  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is a CPD Day**  
*Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022*

#### **To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2021-22**

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

*In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2022-23 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2022 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.*



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