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Dear Families,

The sunshine has brought a beautiful end to a challenging term. Today we say farewell to Miss Patel, Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Driscoll; we thank them for all they have done for the school and send them our very best wishes for a happy and healthy future.

[School Council Charity Fundraising Update:](#) Our very own OGPS Race for Life has raised a massive **£714.76** for Cancer Research. Thank you for your very generous donations.

[Contact tracing for the start of the Easter break:](#) We will be contactable over the initial 6 days of the holiday should a child start Covid 19 symptoms and go on to test positive **within 48hours of being at OGPS**. Please read page 2.

[Important News for after the Easter break:](#) We had planned a staff training day for Monday 19th April BUT we have now moved this to Thursday 6th May to coincide with our closure for the London Mayoral election since we are a polling station for our local community. **Children should return to school on MONDAY 19th APRIL at their usual time with the usual staggered drop off system. OGPS will be closed for all children on Thurs 6th May.**

[Ramadan Mubarak:](#) As the month of Ramadan is nearly with us, we understand that children may be fasting for some or all of the day. Please let us know if your child is fasting by emailing us at admin@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk by Monday 19th April with the following information;

- Name and class of your child
- If your child will fast every day in school during Ramadan
- If your child will be completing half day fasts in school during Ramadan
- If your child will fast on the specific days (please tell us which ones)

Have a great Easter break. Whilst national rules change, please stay safe and do follow the guidelines!

[See you on Monday 19th April.](#)

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Brent Music Spring Festival

Join BMS for a virtual celebration of Ensembles on Monday 19th April from 6pm.

Throughout the past year, our ensembles have been going strong online with around 350 children and young people! Since BMS still can't have a concert, we have all been working hard to create some fabulous video performances for your viewing and listening pleasure.

Register via the Eventbrite link below!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bms-springfest-2021-tickets-145664772255>



Covid 19 Contact Tracing Update

Easter Holiday Emergency Contact *UNTIL Tuesday 6th April 2021*

With the Easter break just around the corner, as per DfE guidance, we will be available as part of the contact tracing system. It will run in the same way as the Christmas break



If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms **within 48 hours of the end of term on Weds 31st March**, please make sure you access the testing system. IF, as a result of these symptoms **YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE** in the 6-day period between Thursday 1st April and Tuesday 6th April, **YOU MUST** inform the school so we are able to send out information to others who might be affected.

How to contact us: **SEND A TEXT MESSAGE to this emergency number 07919 199860** and a member of the school's senior leadership team will contact you. When you text, please ensure you provide the following information in your text...

- Child's name and class
- Date they started symptoms
- Date they tested positive
- Details of any siblings at OGPS or other local schools

The school office will be closed from Weds 31st March 1.30pm until Monday 19th April 8.30am, so please **DO NOT** leave a message on the school's answerphone or use the school admin email address.

The emergency phone number will be checked daily. Please **ONLY** use this number to report a **POSTIVE TEST** result until the end of Tuesday 6th April. The phone will be switched off from Wednesday 7th April onwards.

Should we receive information regarding a confirmed positive case, we will take advice from DfE/Public Health England. If advised to by PHE, we will text parents using our teachers2parents service. This may mean that your child is required to self-isolate.

Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you do not need to contact us. If your child tests positive for Covid 19 from Wednesday 7th April onwards, please contact NHS test and trace and then report it to the school office on Monday 19th April from 8.30am.

We sincerely hope that no one from our school community will need to contact us and that we will not need to contact any of you and disrupt your holiday plans with news of further isolations!

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



Term Dates for 2020-21

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021
Children return to school on MON 19th APRIL 2021
Half term week Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23rd July

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

- Thurs 6th May 2021 (was 19th April 2021)

PLEASE NOTE: We moved our planned CPD day on Mon 19th April to Thurs 6th May to coincide with the ELECTION taking place on THURSDAY 6th MAY. This will mean children will not lose a day in school. Children start back from the Easter break on Monday 19th April.

From September 2021, our new school timings will be:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time
- 8.45am Registration (when children must be in their classroom for the daily register)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins and be staggered for different phases
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term: Weds 1st Sept to Fri 17th Dec 2021 (with 1st 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 1st April 2022 (with 4th & 5th Jan as CPD Days)
Children return to school on Thursday 6th Jan 2022
Half term week: Monday 14th Feb - Friday 18th Feb 2022

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

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

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Friday 22nd 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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