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Dear Families,

April showers turned into May downpours but at least the outlook for the Bank Holiday weekend and the half term break ahead is looking better! We are all hopeful that we hear more positive news announced by the government on Mon 14th June!

Please note that from Monday 7th June we are adjusting our drop off and pick up windows by 5mins. We will still have staggered time slots but are reducing their length. It does not affect the learning time for children. See page 2 for more details.

We are hopeful that we will have some further extra-curricular clubs opening after school in the final half term; I will write to families on 7th June with more details and how to book places. Children in Y5 & Y6 will have a special activities week starting on Mon 14th June; we have already written to families about this and we look forward to creating some memorable moments for the children.

Dates for your diaries... (Dates & Arrangements MAY need to change!)

- Fri 28th May *Break up for half term week*
 - Mon 7th June *Back to school*
 - Mon 14th June *Y5/6 Activity Week Begins*
 - Thurs 24th June *School Photographs*
 - Mon 28th June *Whole School Learning Adventure begins!*
 - Thurs 8th July *OGPS Sports Day (details to be confirmed)*
 - Friday 9th July *OGPS Sports Day (details to be confirmed)*
- We have booked Hendon Football Club for two days.
We will know more about how these days will be organised in the coming weeks and whether we can invite parents to come and join us or not - watch this space for updates!*

We are also planning for year group assemblies as well as music and dance performances to take place in the final term; these will be shared virtually with parents.

Don't forget that our Breakfast Club and After School Club are now running if you need support with wrap around care. We will send a link to book breakfast club sessions. Bookings for after school club must be made direct with the private provider via www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/

Thank you all for your continued support. We wish you a safe and happy half term break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 7th June.

Best wishes
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Covid 19 Update

For drop off and pick up times and which gate to use from **MONDAY 7th JUNE...**

Year Group	Which Gate?	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery AM	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.35	11.35
Nursery PM	Kingsbury Rd Gate	12.30	3.30
Reception	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.45-8.50	3.20-3.25
Year 1	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.45-8.50	3.20-3.25
Year 2	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.35-8.40	3.30-3.35
Year 3	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.45-8.50	3.30-3.35
Year 4	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.45-8.50	3.30-3.35
Year 5	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.35-8.40	3.20-3.25
Year 6	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.35-8.40	3.30-3.35

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 continue to socially distance from other families as you arrive and leave school.

PE Days Remain the same until the end of term...

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

Covid 19 Update

What to do if your child shows Covid 19 Symptoms within 48hrs of finishing school tomorrow...

If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms *within 48 hours of the end of term on Friday 28th May, please make sure you access the testing system.*

IF, as a result of these symptoms **YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE 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 over the half term break 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.

Should we receive information regarding a confirmed positive case, I will take advice from DfE/ Public Health England. If advised to by PHE, I will text parents using our teachers2parents service. This may mean that your child is requested 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, please report it to the school office on MONDAY 7th JUNE from 8.30am.

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



Are you travelling abroad during the half term break?

If you and your family are travelling abroad during the half term break please make sure you are following the correct guidance regarding the procedures you need to follow upon your return.

If you are travelling abroad and this means you will need to isolate upon your return, please contact the school office to update us.

You can find government guidance using this link...

www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus



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 at 1.30pm

To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2020-21
• Thurs 6th May 2021 (was 19th April 2021)

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.