

28th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

HPP Executive Leadership Update

Firstly, thank you for the ongoing support and the very kind and supportive messages which the staff have received, we really do appreciate it.

Both schools have approximately 35% of pupils (excluding Nursery) which is a significant increase on the previous lockdown numbers. The DfE has reissued its guidance for families which reminds all parents that if they can work from home children should be looked after at home and for critical worker families their children should be looked after at home where possible. Sustaining the current staff structure and learning offer both in school and at home for all children is our priority and in order to maintain this we need to be mindful of the number of children on site.

Lateral Flow Tests for Staff

HPP schools have both received Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) which will enable the staff to conduct twice weekly self tests - these tests are not mandatory for staff. The tests are for staff who have no symptoms of Covid-19 and any positive results will need to be confirmed with a PCR test. A positive LFT result will mean that staff and their families will have to isolate until they have the result of the PCR test which may confirm the positive LFT result. Staff who show symptoms of Covid-19 will still need to have a PCR test.

The introduction of the LFT tests is reassuring for many staff and parents but it is likely that this will result in an increased number of positive cases and result in class bubble closures within both schools. We will email families when a class bubble needs to close. This closure may only be for a short period if the initial LFT positive test is not confirmed by the PCR test.

Statutory Assessment

We have received confirmation that all statutory tests will be cancelled for this academic year. This means that the school will not be required to conduct these assessments and report the results to the DfE.

The assessments this affects are:

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
Y1 Phonics Screening
Y2 Phonics Screening
Y2 SATs
Y4 Times Tables Check
Y6 SATs





However, both schools may use these assessment materials in order to inform our teacher assessment judgements. Teacher assessment judgements will be shared with parents during parent consultations and in the end of year report which parents receive in July.

Parent Consultations

Both schools will be having parent consultation weeks before Easter. For HISN this will be the week beginning **8th March** and HJS the week beginning **15th March**. These sessions will be virtual and we will issue further information regarding this nearer the time which will include links to the booking system.

Remote Education

Both HPP schools and staff teams have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to provide high quality remote education which is in line with DfE expectations as well as being manageable for parents and children. We have given a lot of thought to our offer as well as responding to feedback from staff and parents.

The DfE guidance for schools states that remote education provided should include recorded or 'live' engagement. Both schools are providing pre-recorded teaching and have now introduced a regular 'live' session in order to maintain the connection to school, which we know is really important to children.

Ofsted has also reviewed remote education practice in schools and is very clear that they believe that 'live' lessons are not the "gold standard", citing many difficulties linked to concentration span of children, inflexibility of delivery and lesson content being delivered too quickly for children to access successfully.

Recent research from the Education Endowment Foundation has found that the method of delivery is much less important than the quality of that delivery. Pre-recorded lessons mean that children can pause, rewind and revisit explanations they have struggled with. By pre-recording the lessons, our staff are thinking carefully about the quality of explanation and can more easily build in video clips and other animations that help to bring the explanation to life.

HPP schools are always looking to enhance our provision for the children, and would appreciate your feedback on our remote education offer. Please complete the appropriate school survey below.

The surveys are slightly different to reflect the remote learning offer in each school. **Please complete this by 12pm Tuesday 2nd February 2021 only if your child is NOT attending school currently.**

[HISN Remote Education Survey](#)

[HJS Remote Education Survey](#)



Hampton Infant School & Nursery
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Return to School

Many parents have asked us when we will be returning to school, believing that we have “inside” information. Unfortunately, as school leaders we gain information regarding such things by watching the news, just as you do. We have been informed by the DfE that we will be given two weeks’ notice of any return to school. We do understand that the uncertainty around schools remaining closed beyond half term may be causing heightened anxiety for many families and with this in mind we will continue to communicate as swiftly as possible any changes to the current situation.

Half Term

Both HPP schools will be closed to all children during the half term break. To those families who have children attending school, we will continue our track and trace activities so please continue to notify us of any positive cases within your family via the office email address.

Hampton Infant School- info@hampton-inf.richmond.sch.uk

Hampton Junior School- info@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk

Finally, thank you for all you are doing at home to support your children during this time. We remain fully committed to providing high quality education for all the children and supporting families as much as we can.

Yours sincerely

The Executive Leadership Team

