



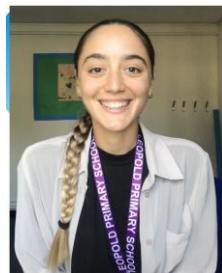
Thursday 28th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our 4th week of remote learning. We would like to thank you for your continued support as we operate both school and home learning. Our staff have been impressed with the resilience of our pupils, their high level of engagement and enthusiasm during lessons and the high work being produced. It has been an incredibly challenging start to the year, but the pupils have adapted well to the new way of learning. Thank you once again to the teaching staff for all their hard work in delivering the curriculum remotely.

We understand that remote learning is not ideal. It is important that your children have an opportunity to exercise. Although you should minimise time spent outside your home, you can leave your home to exercise. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area. Further guidance can be found in the link. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#exercising>

As a community it is important that our children are given opportunities to socialise and maintain friendship groups in a safe and parental lead capacity. This maybe through online platforms. Due to the current situation this cannot be managed by the school. Our schools' therapist is currently supporting families during these challenging times. If you would like to discuss any concerns or queries with our therapist please contact the schools' office.



Ekin Bernay (Creative therapist)





Mental Health week

**Now and
Beyond** 
on Inside Out Day

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from **Monday 1st February 2021**.

Our focus will be on the three themes: **Kindness-Gratitude-Resilience**.

On Wednesday the 3rd of February we will host our "inside out day" to raise awareness of unseen/ unidentified children's mental health problems.

Teachers as well as children can upload a photo/a video of themselves on seesaw marking this day wearing an inside out jumper or T-shirt with a message about the importance of being kind to others.

As an alternative, the children might want to decorate the inside part of a T-shirt with a message or picture about the importance of being kind.

The best messages /logos will be rewarded with a "virtual kindness award".

Please see the poster for this event on page 6.

Remote learning

Remote learning parent meetings were held for all year groups this week, which was a great opportunity to share the remote learning expectations for all pupils, parents and staff, and also provided a forum for parents to share their experiences so far.

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who presented at the meetings, and to the parents who were able to attend. It was overwhelming to hear all the positive feedback regarding the school's approach to remote learning and it was also useful to listen to ideas on how the practice could be improved upon. We will take on board your suggestions and continue to develop the school's remote learning approach in order to enhance the pupils' experiences.

Expectations for remote learning have been outlined in the link below.

<http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Expectations-Online-Learning-Jan-2021.pdf>

The dates and times for the next phase parents' forums will be shared by class teachers on the remote learning platforms.

Attendance

As per government guidelines, school attendance is mandatory. To achieve this please ensure that your child attend live sessions or the provision daily. If your child is unwell you must inform the school office on 020 8459 5654 or send an email attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk by 8:30am.

Leopold Food bank



We will be holding our own foodbank here at Leopold. We are asking you to donate any non-perishable/ essential items. These can be dropped off to both sites during the week. We will then invite families in need of support to come in and collect some essential on a Friday between 1pm and 2pm. We thank you for your continued support.

Free school Meal Vouchers

Children entitled to free school meals will be issued with a £15 voucher every week from Edenred. Remember to check your emails and update the school office if your details change.

The voucher scheme is separate to the Food bank.

RSE Parent Forum

We will be hosting our Spring Parent Forum on Thursday 11th February 2021. The Forum will address the changes announced by the Department for Education to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes were meant to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to the current pandemic, schools will need to have an updated RSE curriculum by the start of the summer term 2021. All schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. This means that we will be reviewing and updating our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their age; physical and emotional maturity; religious and cultural backgrounds; and special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Devices

As stated in our previous newsletter, we have a number of families who are in need of a device. We are working closely with the DFE to provide more devices for families within the school. If you have a device that would like to donate to the school or if you are able to financially donate to this cause please contact the school office. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who have kindly donated money/devices to support the many families at Leopold Primary School during this pandemic.

Increasing data allowances scheme

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that disadvantaged children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted, and they do not have access to broadband at home. Schools, in England can request mobile data increases for disadvantaged children and young people in years 3 to 11 who are not able to attend school due to national lockdown restrictions. They must meet all 3 of these criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

If you think you may be eligible for an increased data allow please contact the school office.



Hyperoptic offers free broadband packages for home-schooling



Hyperoptic announced that it is offering a free broadband service to families who currently do not have a reliable broadband connection. The offer is available for local authority tenants in homes covered by Hyperoptic's network. It is being enabled via its partnerships with registered housing providers. The service will enable children who do not currently have access to adequate connectivity to easily access virtual education resources and learn from home.

Are you eligible?

- You must be living in a Hyperoptic-connected LA property
- A minimum of one school age child (under 18) living in the property
- You currently either have no fixed broadband in the home or you have an existing package that isn't reliable (e.g. an ADSL connection, or an FTTC package with download speeds of 30Mbps or less)

How can you get connected?

- Contact your local authority
- Call Hyperoptic on 0333 332 1111 quoting your promo code and your address
- Hyperoptic will book your free installation on a convenient date
- Our engineer will install your Hyperoptic connection and set up your free WiFi router

Further information can be found below.

<https://hyperoptic.com/press/posts/hyperoptic-offers-free-broadband-packages-for-home-schooling/>

What to do if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Free and regular coronavirus tests are now available for everyone in Brent aged 12 upwards, even if you don't have symptoms.

If you don't have symptoms of COVID-19, you can book a free rapid Lateral Flow Test, with results available in less than 40 minutes.

This type of testing is being offered as part of a six-week pilot run by Brent Council with the Department for Health and Social Care, until 24 January 2021 when it will be reviewed. Use the link for more information.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/covidtesting>

Please remember that if **you, your child or anyone in your household** have symptoms of COVID 19 and are awaiting the results of a test, **do not** send your children into school. Children must remain at home until the results of the test have been given.

Before making the journey into school, you must stop and ask yourself these questions, do **you, your child or anyone in your household** have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).



If you answer YES to any of the above, you must not come to school. You must call 111 for advice.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day they will be sent home and are advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Yours faithfully,

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Acting Head of School



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On Wednesday
3rd February 2021

**Wear an item
of clothing
inside out!**

Be kind always... you never
know how someone is
feeling inside.

For more information visit
nowandbeyond.org.uk

**Now and
Beyond** >>>
on Inside Out Day

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