



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There have been many exciting things happening since my last newsletter a fortnight ago. This newsletter deals firstly with the Government roadmap and then with some fun things that have been happening at school.

## Stage 3 of Government Roadmap

I am sure that you are aware of the Prime Minister's announcement of Stage 3 of the roadmap to come out of lockdown on Monday. This has led to some organisational changes at school (we have updated the Frequently Asked Questions and School Risk Assessment that can be found on the school website).



All of the changes will be carried out in a considered fashion with the overarching principle of keeping the basic safety measures in place i.e. hand washing and social distancing. The requirements around keeping your child at home if they are unwell remains. If your child is unwell then they should not come to school or if someone in the family is unwell, has COVID-19 symptoms, or has tested positive then the family should observe the self-isolation processes. We know that even this week, 'bubbles' in local schools have had to close down which is something that still remains a possibility here.

In summary, we have made changes to the following school organisational arrangements in line with the Stage 3 Roadmap.

- Adjusted the start and finish times of the school day
- Refined the system for entering the school grounds
- Started to increase the number of before and after school clubs for children
- Considering appropriate educational visits/visitors to school to support classes in their topics

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## Drop Off and Collection

- From **Monday 24 May** we are changing the drop off and collection times for all classes; this is in line with the timetable before COVID-19 restrictions. We will be continually reviewing this procedure and assessing it against our safety measures.
- At the beginning of the day, parents will be able to have a **flexible drop off from 8.45am – 9.00am; register will be taken promptly at 9.00am.**
- Nursery times and drop off/collection arrangements remain the same as normal.
- Pupils are to follow social distancing in school and go straight to class via their 'year group' drop off points as they are doing presently. Staff will be at both the year group entrance points and in class to receive the children.
- **Pick up times** are either **3.20pm (Years Reception, 1 & 2)** or **3.30pm (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)**. Please follow [this link](#) for detailed arrangements.

### Arrangements that are staying the same

- Children to enter the school at the same year group points.
- Children to go straight in from 8.45am to 9.00am.
- Social distancing: children in school, parents on school grounds.
- We are still asking parents to wear face masks while on the school grounds, particularly as there will be more adults on site.
- One parent per family for drop off/collection.
- Parents should continue to 'drop and go' / 'collect and go' to reduce congregating on the school grounds.

Please follow [this link](#) for detailed arrangements.

## Entering The School Grounds

- From Monday 24 May the one-way system will be changed so that parents and pupils can enter and leave by either the Merton Hall Road entrance or the Chase Alley entrance.
- Each entrance will have an 'in' and an 'out' to try and reduce congestion - these will be clearly signposted.
- Both entrances will be opened at **8.40am and 3.10pm.**

### Arrangements that are staying the same

- Adults and children should continue to social distance as they enter and leave the school grounds.
- We are still asking parents to wear face masks while on the school grounds, particularly as there will be more adults on site.

## School Clubs

- There will be an increased number of clubs on offer before and after school. Each club will have safety measures in place to adhere to social distancing rules as well as consideration of school year groups (bubbles).
- It is very important for parents to consider any risks associated with children attending clubs: there is a risk that children may come into contact with other children who may be positive which would lead to the same self-isolation procedures.
- Club information will be sent out through the SIMS ParentApp.

### Arrangements that are staying the same

- Minimising cross year group (bubble) mixing.
- Sanitising procedures of hands and equipment.
- Risk assessments for each club.

## Educational Visits

The Government guidance has stated that schools can now consider educational visits, which must be conducted in line with relevant COVID-19 secure guidelines and regulations. Year groups are looking at possible trips this term that will support the topics being taught and that are safe to do. Any trips or educational visitors (for example a theatre group) will be rigorously risk assessed.

## Half term travel

For families who are planning to travel abroad this half term, [the Government guidance](#) on this is as follows:

- The rules for pupils travelling from amber and green list countries are different and are explained in [the rules for entering guidance](#).
- Pupils travelling from amber list countries must quarantine at home for 10 days.
- Pupils travelling from green list countries do not need to quarantine unless their COVID-19 test result is positive.

## Stage 4 of Roadmap – 21 June

The next stage in the Government's roadmap, stage 4, will be from 21 June. We will follow guidance and continue to keep safety measures in place but we are hoping that at that stage we can include more events for parents such as:

- Parents to attend sports days
- Live performances
- Parent social events to be organised by the Friends

We will update you on these nearer the time.

## LFD tests

Here at school staff have access to LFD tests and are using these regularly. We encourage families to participate in twice weekly testing: if you would like to obtain test kits please follow these links:

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

## Half Term Holiday Camp

Now that we are hopefully moving towards more normal times we have a new holiday club provider for Wimbledon Chase called **BMM Sports Coaching** (a huge thanks to Mr Canham who stepped up to run our holiday club over the last year in difficult times).

BMM Sports Coaching are very excited to be running our holiday camps this half term at Wimbledon Chase. They are really looking forward to getting to know the children and are offering some exciting activities! These include football, cricket, basketball, futsal, dodgeball, arts & crafts and much more! Please look out for information on how to book from Monday.



## Mental Health Awareness Week

We had many different activities happening across the school this week to celebrate Mental Health Awareness week that ended with all the children at school today each planting a sunflower seed to grow at home.



### Mrs England's Drawing Class

If you or your child would like to take part in some relaxing drawing this weekend then you will enjoy **Mrs England's Drawing Class**. Mrs England will be recording a series of classes to share with you over the next half term with step-by-step instructions on how to draw. Follow [this link](#) for this week's class.

### Decorate an Easter Egg

Many apologies for reporting back on this so long after Easter - we had some technical problems getting the gallery together. Many children took part and produced some fantastic creations and we have put a few of them [on our website for you to see](#). Congratulations to all who decorated an egg, they were all eggcellent!



### Dates reminder

Please follow this link for some [diary reminders of events this term](#).

### Finally

A reminder that your child may like to take part in an art, poetry and writing event that celebrates 150 years of Wimbledon Common. [The details are here](#).

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Ellis'.

Mr K.Ellis  
**Headteacher**



Learning out in nature for Mental Health Awareness Week