

NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Sandy

Dates for your Diary

15th - 19th February 2021

SPRING HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 31st March 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19th April 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3rd May 2021

**BANK HOLIDAY - NO
SCHOOL**

31st May - 4th June 2021

**SUMMER HALF TERM - No
School**

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22nd July 2021

STAFF INSET DAY



Commencing 2021 in lockdown again is not what any of us imagined, but with the corona virus spreading in London and surrounding suburbs the way in which it is at present, it is the safest thing to do.

There is no doubt that the virus has had a big impact on staffing levels at both schools, but we are reviewing our risk assessments on a daily basis and following regular advice that is given to us from the DfE and OHCAT.

Both schools remain open for pupils that are deemed vulnerable and those with critical key worker parents.

Although the Government and DfE have deemed the first week in lockdown as a 'recovery week', we have already set up our remote learning and school learning packages across the age groups. This will look different according to the needs of the class/tutor groups but aims to meet the needs as best we can for individual children and young people.

During this period of lockdown teachers and therapists will keep in regular contact and of course if you have a general enquiry, our school offices are manned as always.

The Link Schools will continue to provide the best possible and safest education for all of our community.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Our Senior Leadership Teams have worked throughout the Christmas break updating risk assessments, reporting C-19 positive tests within the school community, and developing a safe working timetable for return to school and keeping the school community updated.

Please do remember to check your parent mail account on a regular basis as all general information will be delivered to you via this route.

We have been informed that as the virus is developing, new strains are emerging, the most concerning of which is that in younger children, symptoms can display themselves in the form of a rash and upset stomachs causing sickness and diarrhoea. These are in addition to the already well-known symptoms of coughs and colds, headaches and lethargy.

During these times, if your child is coming into school, we would ask you to be ever more vigilant and if your child displays any of the above symptoms, please do err on the side of caution and keep them off school until they feel better. As always advise the school of your child's absence and reasons for same.

As we are all aware, this virus spreads both rapidly and easily.

For our young people who remain at home, do send in photos and updates to share in the weekly newsletter. We know from feedback that during the last lockdown our regular newsletter proved to be an enjoyable part of the day, when families all got together to read it and see what everyone was up to.

AND FINALLY

We know that lockdown can pile on the pounds, so remember to keep active and enjoy a regular exercise session, be it a walk in the park or an on-line workout, but sometimes a warm drink and a biscuit can work wonders - as we found out this week when we had a baking session in school!

