



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

We will see you next Monday!

- Full normal days for everyone (9-3.30pm)
- Attendance is **mandatory**
- Google classroom and all remote provision will cease on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (except for those children isolating – see over)
- Main gate: Years 1,3,4,5
- Raveley St Gate: Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 6
- Gates open at 8.45. Children **wash hands** and go straight into class
- Please be there to collect on time and wait, socially distanced and ideally in a regular spot. Please continue to wear a mask at both drop off and pick up
- We will maintain all our in-school routines from last term such as class bubbles, hand-washing and our zoned playground
- Staff now do home lateral flow tests twice a week. There is no plan to direct primary aged children to do these tests but free packs of home tests can be collected – see over.
- We will have to close class bubbles for 10 days again should a child test positive. **PLEASE do not send your child into school if anyone in your household is symptomatic.** Tests are now readily available locally and results are fast
- Please keep in close touch with school about any possible symptoms, testing and absence.
- Breakfast Club and Club EP will resume on March 8<sup>th</sup> too, so please book online as before. Don't delay as these places filled up quickly in the Autumn term!
- **Please return all loaned chromebooks on Monday - ideally in original box, with the charging cable - to the office.**



### **Year 5 closure**

Sadly with just days to go, we have had to close our in-school bubble for those children who were in class on Monday due to a child testing positive. The rest of Year 5 can return as planned on Monday but the full class will not be reunited until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>.

**This is a stark reminder that, despite cases being very low in Camden (amongst the lowest in the country, currently at 0.038%) , that it can still affect you. Going forward everything depends on you all being responsible and following the guidance. In this case a household member had been symptomatic yet the child came into school. There is then a huge impact on others, staff and children.**

**If your child or ANYONE in your household is unwell, specifically with these three key symptoms - a temperature, a dry continuous cough, a loss of taste and smell - **do not send them into school**. Tests are now readily available and results come in 24 hours or less. Please read the attached documents carefully or better still, print it out and pin it up! If there is anything you don't understand or **if you need help with test booking, call our office who are EXPERT at making appointments.****

### **More good news!**

We are just so delighted to share the news that, serendipitously, the date we re-scheduled Year 5's residential is the very day 'overnight residential stays' can resume - 17<sup>th</sup> May. This means Year 5's residential to Sayers Croft in Surrey goes ahead!!

In addition, Year 2's overnight adventure at The Mill in Surrey (24/25 June) has been confirmed!

Of greatest concern was finding somewhere to take Year 6 who had their farm week cancelled twice. We did it! We have booked a camping trip to the amazing East Soar Farm on the coast in south Devon close to Salcombe. The site is right on the coastal path with Dartmoor ponies roaming. The children will go from 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May.

So the missing link is Year 4's camping to Epping Forest. To date we have not been able to get through to the centre. We will keep trying!

### **Collect a free home testing kit**

As an early indicator of infection, if done very carefully by you, these (results in 30 minutes) tests are useful. Staff are using them twice a week.

Book a free, rapid lateral flow tests at one of the seven community test sites open in Camden. Book online: [Camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

I hope that going forward we will be sent test kits to distribute to parents who would like them. In the meantime, you can book a home test-kit for pick-up from the NHS test centres open at Kingsgate and Ramsay Hall from 1.30pm - 7.30pm every day. Same number - and more details on the attached leaflets.

Huge congratulations. You made it! You have been brave and magnificent indeed. A huge thank you to EP staff too, who have worked through even our dark January with spirit and optimism ensuring that EP sustains its loving and enthusiastic ethos. We can't wait to be together again on Monday! With love and best wishes to you and all your family.

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