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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 26th August 2020

September return to school – Information for years 1-6

The start of the Autumn Term is not far away and staff are excited and relieved that we can welcome all children back to school. This is the first of several communications before Monday 7th September when term begins. We will increasingly be communicating via email, text message and our school website so please check and read these carefully because things are likely to be constantly reviewed and possibly changed.

Many of you will be aware that the school has had major, essential building works over the summer. This has mainly been on the heating and hot water system to ensure that good hygiene and hand washing is possible for the whole school. Because of the age of the building and its many complexities, this has been a difficult job and works have significantly overrun. I am expecting to see progress this week and pushing for works to finish on time. However as it stands, there is still a risk that school may not be able to open fully on Monday 7th September as planned because there are additional things we need to do to make the site safe for staff and children. Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on this issue and are doing everything possible to prevent a delay to the start of term.

By Friday of this week, we will send you a comprehensive **Handbook for Parents** that details how the school has prepared for a full opening for all children and staff. This will include:

- How children will learn, play and eat as year group bubble;
- Changes to the school timetable inc. drop-off and collection.
- How the school will manage anyone who may display symptom of Covid-19 and engage with the Test and Trace program;
- How the school will implement good hygiene and social distancing.
- What we require of parents and carers to assist with the measures put in place.

For now it is important that you are aware that you will be given an arrival time of 10 minutes between 8:45 am and 9:10am. Different school gates will be allotted to different year groups. Please do not arrive before your given time and do not be late. There will not time to play in the playground before school, as the children will go straight to their classrooms. With reasonable exceptions considered, parents will not come on site at the beginning of the day. Details of how children should enter and exit will follow in our Handbook to Parents. Parents are requested to leave the school site at promptly to minimise numbers on site and gatherings. Scientific evidence currently points to the greatest risk of reopening of schools being parent's interaction and not pupils. Please adhere to guidelines you will be given to help the flow of people and minimise gathering of people. The dismissal and collection at the end of the day will also be staggered between 3:00pm and 3:25. Details on pick up points and gates will also be sent out in the Handbook for Parents.



Headteacher: Ian Hyde
Deputy Headteachers: Tara Magee and Kris Clark

Uniform will be required. Club Xtra and Breakfast club will be operating but numbers will be limited. Payment must be in advance with no arrears to secure a place. Please complete the online form on the school website to book your place and wait for confirmation from the school. You can find the form here: <https://kelvingrove.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/enrichment-clubs/>

Reception and Nursery parents should refer to the communication sent at the end of last term detailing arrangements for induction and a phased start.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Hyde', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Hyde
Headteacher