

The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School

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Monday 24th August 2020

Important update regarding Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a restful and safe summer holiday, and that you and your families are well and looking forward to the new school year.

All staff at Devonshire Hill are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 7th September for children in Years 1-6. Parents of children in Reception and Nursery will have received a separate letter detailing your child's start date and time. However, please call the school on 020 8808 2053 if you are not sure of your child's start date and we will be happy to help you.

Your child's education and attendance

You may have seen on the news that Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England and Chief Medical Adviser to the UK Government, has clearly stated that it would be a far higher risk to children, for their education, health and wellbeing, if they do not return to school in September. The Government has said all pupils in England will be expected to return to full-time education in September. In terms of attendance, your child is expected to be in school unless there is a medical reason why they cannot attend. If this is the case, you must immediately inform the school.

If your family has returned from a country where 14 day quarantine is mandatory and will still be self-isolating on Monday 7th September, please inform the school immediately.

Protective measures

During the summer holidays we have been working very hard to ensure the school is as safe as possible for you, your child and our staff. We hope the attached guidance leaflet and updated Home/School Agreement explain the protective measures in place and our expectations clearly.

Please take the time to read the documents carefully, note your child's new start and end time. If you have any questions our friendly administration team are in school from 25th to 28th August to help. Please call the school or email admin@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk

Our staff will be having three training (INSET) days from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th September so we are ready to welcome your child back to learning in our new Covid-19 risk-assessed school environment. There will be some changes that your child's teacher will explain to the class when they return on Monday 7th September.

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Catch-up programme

The school will be open every day from September 7th for the children to receive a full day of learning. We will be identifying any areas that your child may need to 'Catch-up' on and we have employed a team of six teaching assistants to help deliver the 'Catch-up Programme' over the autumn term.

If you have had any concerns about your child's reading, writing or mathematics during lockdown and the summer holidays, please telephone or email the school so your child's new teacher can call you back to discuss your concerns and put a plan in place to support them.

Mental and emotional wellbeing

Some children may be anxious about returning to school, with this in mind the teachers will be focusing on children's mental and emotional wellbeing through delivery of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme.

If you have had a situation in your family during lockdown or summer holidays whereby you feel that your child may need a bit more emotional support, please contact the school so your child's new teacher can telephone you to discuss with you the most appropriate support for your child.

Working together to keep everyone safe

I know that some of you will be anxious, but I assure you that we are doing everything possible to minimise risks and we do this by following government guidance, putting in place and reviewing robust risk assessments, talking to each other about any concerns we may have and supporting each other. We are one community working together to keep everyone safe.

I am very much looking forward to having the children back to school and to welcoming many new families who are joining our amazing school.

Yours sincerely,



Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher



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