

Friday 20" Iviarch 2020

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you for your support with the developing situation and for your continued understanding. We have now identified the children who will be coming in next week. As you will be aware, Park Hill Junior School has had to close today, to the majority of pupils, for the foreseeable future. The Government has requested that we will remain open to the children of key workers as identified, who will be notified separately. **Social distancing needs to be taken into consideration and therefore we will not be able to accommodate any more children**.

## Accessing learning throughout the closure

All pupils (those learning at home, or those being supervised in school) will have access to the same learning, which will be based online, based on our termly curriculum plans. We shall endeavour to provide as much work for pupils as we can, but there will have to be limitations. The expectation is to set approximately 2 hours of learning, per day, as we recognise that families may have multiple children and limited internet access. Year group teams will work together to provide online learning, via Google Classroom, specific to your child/year group. All pupils should be able to access Google Classroom using their @phjs.foliotrust.uk address. Please encourage your child to read daily and different genres followed with a discussion of their text with them.

Please advise the school if you do not have access to the internet and we will work with you to provide alternatives.

In order to support our pupils and parents, we have also created a dedicated page on our website with additional links to support your child's learning at home: <u>https://www.phjs.co.uk/online-learning-support/</u> This will be continually updated throughout the closure and includes ideas such as indoor PE activities. If your child cannot access any of these platforms, please contact Miss Penn via <u>it@phjs.foliotrust.uk</u>.



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## **Communication**

Senior Leaders, the Family Support Worker and the school's Counsellor will maintain communication with families, albeit with limited capacity. This is the same for teaching and support staff who will be working in school and remotely on a rota basis.

All staff who are able to, will continue to work either in school or from home and we will continue to run the school and ensure the wellbeing of all children in our care, whether this be on site or remotely is up to our usual standard.

Direct communication should be addressed to:

- 1. Office staff office@parkhill-jun.croydon.sch.uk
- 2. Senior leaders email address phjsslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk
- 3. Google Classroom/other learning platform login issues it@phis.foliotrust.uk

The staff will respond to emails between 9am and 4pm.

## Year 6

Understandably, many of our Year 6 pupils have felt unsettled this week, hearing that their SATs examinations had been cancelled and wondering if they would return to primary school to participate in the annual events such as the MORP (Prom) etc which they have been looking forward to. In the event that school is closed for a significant period of time, we will endeavour to hold an 'end of primary school' celebration at a later date, when it is deemed safe for everyone to attend larger gatherings.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the whole community for their support in these past few weeks, where the situation has changed on a daily, sometimes hourly, basis. We really appreciate it and we wish you all the very best and good health in these difficult times for all of us.

With best wishes for the coming weeks,

Park Hill Junior School Leadership Team



