



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the last term in this school year, I must say thank you for your support and flexibility in ensuring our school community is safe. Some events have been out of our control but you have responded very well to circumstances we have found ourselves in - Thank you.

We are so proud of our children here at Park Hill Junior school because they have shown so much resilience in adapting to the changes we have had to go through so far this year. They have bounced back after every inevitable isolation period and gone straight back to their face to face learning - Well done children!

We even got to celebrate Eid last term....and we hope that in the midst of everything we will be able to celebrate some end of year events, though they may look different to what we have done in previous years. Our priority is to ensure our pupils enjoy their time in school, learning and maintaining the positive ethos at Park Hill Junior School.

Last half term we said farewell to Miss Menary and we welcomed Miss Francis and Ms Klokow into Park Hill Juniors as joint class teachers in 3M. I must say the children have settled well into this new routine.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support in ensuring our children are learning in a safe and enriching environment.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Pratt – Headteacher



During these difficult times it is lovely to be able to celebrate some of the wonderful achievements of our PHJS families. Akash in Year 3, his younger brother and his mum, used the last full lockdown to raise money for those suffering even greater hardships.

Over the course of 5 days Akash cycled 30km, his four-year-old brother cycled 25km and their mum walked and ran a total of 50km. Together they raised £723 for UNICEF. We would like to say a big PHJS well done on this marvellous achievement.

If you have any special achievements you would like to share, please let us know it is wonderful to see what is going on in our community.

## SUMMER TERM 2021

### Provisional Dates for your Diary

18.6.21	Staff Training Day: No on-site or remote school
21.6.21	Staff Training Day: No on-site or remote school
28.6.21	Class & Team Photos
6.7.21	Sports Day
13.7.21	Year 6 Production (eve)
14.7.21	Year 6 Production (eve)
16.7.21	Years 3-5 Disco
19.7.21	Year 6 Prizegiving (pm)
19.7.21	Year 6 Prom (eve)
20.7.21	Last day of term

Our term dates for the 2021-2022 academic year can be found [here](#).

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening on their devices. Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay?

If you need help to find some answers, don't despair...scroll through this page for help or click to go straight to the topics or help section.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your situation has changed and you are now in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit, your child may now be eligible to receive Free School Meals. Recently, some families have found that it is quicker to complete the form and then submit it via our school office.

If you are unsure and would like some help checking or advice, please contact Paula via the school office. Paula can also help with advice about benefits and accessing other support for families.

**Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. We may need to contact you in an emergency.**

## UNIFORM

Please remember to check our school website before you purchase any new uniform for next year:

<https://www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform/>

Children should **not** wear the following to school:

- Leggings
- Trainers
- Boots or shoes with white soles or logos

All children must wear the school P.E. kit:

- Pale blue T-shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts
- Navy tracksuit with logo on sweatshirt

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME EVERYTHING!**

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

**CROYDON VOLUNTARY ACTION:** 020 8253

1850 [www.cvalive.org.uk](http://www.cvalive.org.uk) Providing trained volunteers to provide practical support for families

**MIND IN CROYDON:** 020 8662 9383 Supporting those with mental health concerns. [www.mindincroydon.org.uk](http://www.mindincroydon.org.uk)

**CROYDON FOOD BANK TRUSSELL TRUST:** 020 8686 5664  
[www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk)

**PURLEY FOOD HUB:** 07546 635295 [www.purleyfoodhub.net](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net)

**NSPCC CROYDON:** 020 8253 1850 [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) Includes supporting your children through the pandemic

**FAMILY LIVES:** 0808 800 2222 [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)  
Advice for parents on a range of topics, online support

## HEALTH & SPORTS WEEK

Excitingly, from Monday 14th to Thursday 18th June, the children at Park Hill Junior School will be taking part in our annual Health and Sports week. Each day they will have the chance to try out a variety of fun physical activities and learn about the importance of eating healthily.



## ASPIRATIONAL READERS

Aspirational Readers are children who have made either fantastic progress in their reading skills or have made great improvements in their attitude to reading and have impressed their teacher.

Our aspirational readers wear purple ties instead of the usual school tie. Congratulations to all!



3L	Harsh	5A	Sia
3M	Louis	5I	Eden
3P	Rishaan	5M	Neha
4GA	Abhiram	6E	Kyra
4K	Rishabh	6F	Dhruv
4D	Diya	6H	Shanayah

## WRITING LAUREATES

Each half term teachers choose the pupil who has made the most significant improvement in their writing to be the class Writing Laureate. The Writing Laureate is awarded with a medal which they may wear for the duration of half term and their writing is displayed in the Atrium. When their time ends, they return the medal and they receive a wristband which they can keep. We congratulate the following children who were nominated the Writing Laureates for Spring 2 and Summer 1:

3L	Lateefa & Riaan	5A	Sia & Inba
3M	Arjun & Nikita	5I	Humoyun & Tanya
3P	Maryam & Anaya	5M	Aidan & Bhavana
4G	Sa'ad & Arjundev	6E	Isobel & Siddard
4K	Meera & Arjun	6F	Henry & Chloe
4D	Aarnav & Jai	6H	Xoel & Erykah

## CROYDON'S EARLY HELP OFFER

Please find below a link to information about the Family Solutions Service, Croydon's 'Early Help Offer', which provides information for children and their parents/carers and families.

There are a range of Early Help services for children, young people and families in Croydon: some of these are run by the council and some sit in other organisations. When you make contact with the Early Help Hub a member of the team will help you to identify what is available and will help you access the most appropriate support.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Family%20Solution%20Service%20Croydon%E2%80%99s%20Early%20Help%20Offer%20Leaflet%20for%20children%20and%20families.pdf>



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**



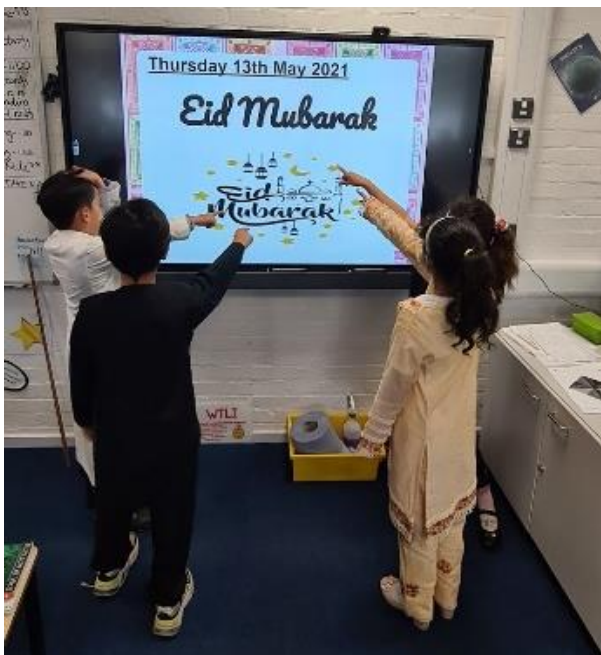
**FRESH AIR**





## EID CELEBRATIONS 2021

Children at Park Hill Junior School joined in on the celebration for Eid on Thursday 13th May 2021. They were given the opportunity to dress up in traditional wear and come to school to celebrate Eid. We participated in a whole school Eid assembly and learnt the importance in the Islam community. The children had a lot of fun creating Eid cards, lanterns and completing many other activities. If you celebrated Eid, everyone from PHJS would like to wish you Eid Mubarak!



## WHEN TO SELF-ISOLATE AND WHAT TO DO

### What is self-isolation?

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19). This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

**It is a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to by NHS Test and Trace or your child's school. You could be fined if you do not self-isolate.**

### Self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change to sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your childcare or support bubble has symptoms and you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- someone in your childcare or support bubble tested positive and you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or in the 48 hours before their test
- you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)
- you have arrived in England from abroad (not including Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or other parts of the UK) – see [GOV.UK: how to quarantine when you arrive in England](#)

### How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

### When to get a test

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

The symptoms are: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

The test needs to be done in the first 8 days of having symptoms.

[Get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)

**Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms and that you might have COVID-19.**

### What does close contact mean?

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. But they should take extra care to follow [social distancing advice](#), including washing their hands often.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they must self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

### How long to self-isolate

- If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.
- Anyone you live with will also need to self-isolate at the same time.
- You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.
- Read more about [how long to self-isolate](#).

### Help and support while you're staying at home and self-isolating:

- you can get help with everyday tasks, like collecting shopping or medicines, from an NHS volunteer
- you might be able to get sick pay or other types of financial support if you're not able to work

[Find out about help and financial support while you're self-isolating](#)