



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have supported their children's learning over the past two weeks – you are doing a great job. Our staff are working incredibly hard to make Remote Learning as fun and exciting as possible. We have received so many positive comments about the quality of the work provided.

You will receive an invitation from your child's class teacher within the next two weeks for a Google Meet which will take place on a Thursday at 4pm. This will be an opportunity for all the children to say hello to each other and their teacher.

All work submitted will receive an acknowledgement such as 'Well Done' or a 'Thumbs Up' and a more detailed comment will be provided once a week.

The DFE have clarified their guidance and stated that wherever possible children (including children of critical workers) should be kept at home. We are currently at capacity in school and are unable to offer any further places to critical workers as this would impact on the amount of staff available to facilitate Remote Learning. In order to keep staff safe and maintain the quality of our Remote Learning, half of our team are working from home at any one time.

We have had several families requesting access to a school laptop. At present the limited number we received from the DFE have been allocated. We are however, trying to source more devices and have a waiting list for these.

Natalie Langtree, Acting Head teacher

#### Email addresses to contact teachers

You can contact teachers via their year group email addresses listed below.

The Orchard	<a href="mailto:theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">theorchard@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 1	<a href="mailto:year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 2	<a href="mailto:year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 3	<a href="mailto:year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 4	<a href="mailto:year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 5	<a href="mailto:year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>
Year 6	<a href="mailto:year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk">year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk</a>

#### School closure

The school will be closed to **all pupils** as normal for half term during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> February. The school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February as this is an INSET day and staff will be working on a new curriculum plan (virtually).

#### Encouraging a Love of Reading



We really hope that children are continuing to read at least 4 times a week and have the opportunity to listen to stories being read aloud to them. We have invested in Reading Eggspress, an online application for children

in KS2. You will receive login details from your child's class teacher shortly. Please continue to upload on google classroom your child's reading record each week. We hope the children are enjoying seeing and listening to the various stories that are uploaded onto their google classroom by their teachers. This week, Mr Terrill also treated us to a personal story of his time in Thailand and his encounter with some Tigers. Mrs Langtree also read 'A Beam of Light' as part of an online assembly about our 'Curiosity' value.

#### Positive Postcards

These have started to be sent out this week to children remote learning and in school. We hope the children enjoy receiving these and being recognised for all their hard work.

In the Christmas holidays, our Large Hall was re-decorated with the halls painted and new notice boards installed. Mr Blake chose some nice bright colours for the decorators and I am sure you will agree it looks great.





#### **Free School Meals**

Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will now be receiving vouchers from next week rather than food parcels.

There is much economic uncertainty at the moment and if you are experiencing financial hardship please get in touch as you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals which will entitle you to a food parcel.

#### **The Community Hub**

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies.

Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub) or to speak to someone call: 033 022 27980.

#### **Contact Details**

Please email [office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) with any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

#### **Accessing Google Classroom through PS4/5 and XBOX**

Please note that you can access Google classroom through a PS4 or PS5, follow the Playstation link for details how:

<https://www.psu.com/news/how-to-access-google-classroom-on-your-ps4-and-ps5/>

You are also able to access Google Classroom through an Xbox. To do this go to Home Menu – select my Games and Apps – scroll down to Apps – Go to Microsoft Edge – type in a search Google Classroom – select go to Classroom – log in using pupil email address and password.

Please ensure pupils play age appropriate games.

#### **The “Get help with internet access programme”**

The government “Get help with technology programme” offers two ways to help children and young people connect to the internet if face-to-face education is disrupted.

If required through the programme schools can request one type of support for a pupil either:

- **Extra data for mobile devices.**

The recipient will get an increase in mobile data on a monthly basis until July 2021. Note that not all participating networks can support pay-as-you-go customers.

- **A 4G wireless router**

4G wireless routers are compact digital devices, sometimes referred to as ‘dongles’ or ‘mobile wifi’, that provide an internet connection wherever there is access to mobile networks.

It is up to the school to determine the best type of support for a child. Please email

[datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk](mailto:datamanager@londonmeedprimary.co.uk) if you are having difficulties accessing the internet.

#### **Term Dates 2020-2021**

For WSCC term dates please visit

[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21\\_term\\_dates.pdf](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12668/2020-21_term_dates.pdf)

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2021	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
	<b>Inset Day:- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	<b>Bank holiday: - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		
	<b>Inset Days: - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		