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Friday 5th June 2020

### A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term; I hope that you managed to enjoy the May-half term as far as possible.

I hope you have had time to read the letter sent this week about the school opening more widely from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. As you know, we will be welcoming some year 6 children back next Monday for the first time. They will be learning using Microsoft Teams, in exactly the same way as children not attending school will be, ensuring that no child's learning is disadvantaged by staying at home. We will fully support you in whatever decision you make. If you have not read the letter as yet, I strongly encourage you to do so as it contains very important information.

Home learning continues to be produced for all children in the same way it has been during the school closure and I am pleased to see the vast majority of pupils interacting with this. Thank you to parents and carers for your support here. The use of the Oak National Academy material seems to be working very well in most cases, however if there are issues accessing this due to issues with devices and internet connection, please do mention this to your child's class teacher during the weekly phone calls, or feel free to email [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk)

Free School Meals vouchers continue to be provided for those entitled to them and not attending school, including for the May half-term. Please email or call the school office immediately if you are experiencing any issues with these.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Reynolds  
Headteacher



#### Keeping Us Safe

Below are some of the measures and changes we have implemented at school to prepare for children's gradual return:

- Social distancing to be implemented where possible
- Desks 2 metres apart at all times
- One-way system in operation throughout the school
- Contactless hand-gel dispensers outside each classroom
- Individual stationery packs (no pencil cases permitted)
- Children to be taught in groups of no more than 10
- Groups will remain isolated from the others in the school, including during break and lunch times
- One dedicated adult per group
- Staggered break and lunch times - social distancing maintained
- Play equipment removed
- Children to eat their lunch in classrooms
- Staggered start and finish times for each year group
- Parents and carers to drop children at the gate only

#### Place2Talk



Children, did you know Joshica, our school Place2Be Counsellor, is available for a chat if there's something you'd like to discuss? You can talk about anything that is worrying you. Contact school (leave a message) or mention it when you speak to your class teacher and Joshica will call you back.



#### Well-being at School



For children who do return to school as arranged, daily well-being sessions will be part of their day. We're all trying to adapt to a very different way of behaving for now and schools are no different. These sessions will support the children's well-being by helping them understand and manage the range of emotions they may have experienced, help to explain the new expectations to keep themselves and others safe and will give them the opportunity to discuss any worries they have. Sessions will be held in their groups.

#### What's in the news



Is your child asking questions about what's happening in America? Click the pic to view some books which may help with your response to some difficult questions.

#### Teams Working



Teams is going very well but some children are still using the chat well after 3.30pm. Please remind your child to use the system within the school day only, to discuss work or ask task-related questions. Thank you.

School Website

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