

# Princess May News

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Friday 8th January 2021

### A Message from the Headteacher



Responsibility

Empathy

Aspiration

Respect

Determination

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have managed to stay safe this week and are taking heed of the public health advice. Infection rates in Hackney remain high, so please do take the necessary precautions.

It has been an exceptionally busy week of remote learning for both teachers and children. We are fortunate to have been able to launch Teams again as soon as the lockdown was announced, and teachers and support staff have worked incredibly hard to plan a week of high-quality learning for your child. The parent workshop this week was well attended and we will continue to offer these as the weeks go on, and we refine and enhance our offer even further. Look out for more live boosters, interventions and reading sessions as we progress over the term.

It is very important that your child engages on Teams each day, and that you inform us of any barriers to accessing this, including device restrictions or internet access. Please contact us at [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) or call us on 020 7254 1589 should you encounter any issues. This also goes for your free school meals entitlement, should you be eligible. Hampers were made available for collection this week, so if you haven't received yours please contact us using the above details.

Try to enjoy your weekend and please do look out for important texts and emails over the coming days with further information on our lockdown offer.

Mr Reynolds  
Headteacher



#### Keeping in Contact

Your child's teacher will be calling each week to check on them, discuss their work and answer any questions you or they may have. It's important we are able to maintain contact with all our families during the school closure so please be sure to answer.

Let your child's teacher know if there are any difficulties with the work they are expected to complete, if they are finding it hard to adapt to working from home or anything else that is concerning you about their online learning. If you feel your child would like support from our pastoral team, please let their teacher know.

#### School Meal Provision during School Closure for Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)



If your child is receiving Free School Meals you will have received a text with a link to details on how these will be provided to you during the lockdown. If you have not completed the form required please do so immediately in order to receive your hamper prepared by our caterers.

*If you think your child is eligible for FSM and you did not receive a text, please contact the school using the details below.*



#### Teams Online Learning

As children continue their learning via Teams, below is a reminder of the rules to keep children focused and enjoying their lessons.

- Use formal language; no text speak or slang
- Be polite and respectful to adults and your classmates
- Keep all questions and comments about the work; do not get into conversations with others about other things
- Post only between 9:00am and 3:30pm each day, Monday-Friday
- Report any inappropriate chats to your parents or class teacher straight away
- The use of emojis is not allowed



#### Daily Registration 9am-9:15am

Daily school registration while children are learning via Teams is now a **live** online session from **9am-9:15am!** **Please ensure your child logs into Teams each morning for registration at 9am.**

This is a valuable opportunity for children to connect with their class teacher and classmates each day before starting their work and a great start to the day's learning.

Teachers will also be using this as a chance to discuss how they are finding the lessons and any difficulties they may have. They will also check how each child is managing during this lockdown. Some children who attend the live registration sessions will still be contacted by phone in the usual way.

Please contact the school using the details below if you have any questions.



#### ScholarPack Parents App

Have you downloaded the 'ScholarPack Parent App' yet? If not, please do so now using the simple guide sent to you before the break via email. ScholarPack is the system we use for daily registers and attendance, contact numbers, dietary information about your child and much, much more. By downloading and using the 'ScholarPack Parent app' you will be able to view and update you and your child's information as it changes.

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#### Live Sessions Online

From next week all year groups will begin **live** lessons for reading or phonics from **9:15am** as well as for Music, Spanish and PE during the week which is very exciting!



Please ensure your child remains logged into Teams after registration ready for their **live** reading lesson each day. Music lessons will be with Ms Crawford, PE is with FirstKicks' coach Melvyn and Spanish will be with Mrs Hanley.

#### School Website

[www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk)

School Office: Monday - Friday  
8:30am-4pm 0207 254 1589

Email: [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk)



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Cover face



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