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Our Preparations for a Safe Return

Information for parents and carers about

- how we have prepared the school before opening
- how we will keep the school as safe as possible when the children are back
- our arrangements for the curriculum
- home school communication within our risk controls

This information supplements the 'Parent Letter Reopening for All' and 'Coming to School' leaflet sent to parents on 29th August

All Return to School communication sent to parents is available on the school website here

1. **Preparing Canonbury for 7th September**
2. **Keeping the school clean throughout the day**
3. **Providing the Canonbury Curriculum**
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1. Preparing Canonbury for 7th September

Risk Assessment

The Headteacher has completed a detailed Risk Assessment that lists the risk controls we will have in place for all activities and routines of the school day. The Canonbury Governing Body and London Borough of Islington public health team have reviewed and passed this Risk Assessment.

'Bubbles'

Children are in year group 'bubbles' – this means that both classes in the year group can do things together when needed for best learning and they will keep apart from other year groups as much as possible. The Leadership Team has arranged the timetables for start/end of day, breaks, lunch times and lessons in a way that ensures bubbles keep apart while enjoying a full school day and a broad, rich curriculum.

Staff Training

Staff have taken part in 3 Training Days at the start of September to support them in

- preparing a safe school day for the children in all areas of their timetable, classrooms and lessons
- keeping clean
- maintaining adult distancing

Deep Clean

The school has been 'deep-cleaned' over the summer holidays

Signs around school

Floor markings and signs are in place to support distancing as much as possible when travelling around the school site

Information for Parents and Carers

The Headteacher has sent a 'Reopening for All' letter to all parents and carers, plus a 'Coming to School' leaflet for each year group. These documents include entrance maps and all the 'need to know' information to help parents and children prepare for the first days of term.

All information for parents and carers has been sent by email and can be found on the school website here.

2. How we will keep the school clean throughout the day

Key measures in place to keep the school safe and clean:

Organisation of classes, corridors and stairs

In Years 2-6, desks and resources are arranged so that children have their own places and equipment as much as possible to reduce contact. In Early Years and Year 1, age-appropriate learning areas have been arranged so that children can enjoy active learning in a safe and hygienic way.

Signs in classes and corridors remind children and staff of handwashing and 'catch it bin it kill it' routines

Lidded bins for tissues are in every classroom and hall and emptied daily

Each floor uses its own staircase and staircases are arranged in lanes for up and down

Bubbles have a staggered lunch and play so that they can keep their distance

Keeping clean throughout the day

Every classroom has anti-bacterial cleaning equipment so that staff can clean any shared resources between use

As well as our daily clean, premises and additional staff are timetabled to carry out increased cleaning of 'high touch' areas such as toilets and climbing frames throughout the day.

There is soap and water in every classroom so that children and staff can follow the handwashing routines.

Hand sanitiser dispensers are on the wall in the playground, halls, Art and Music spaces so that children can clean hands before and after lunchtimes, playtimes and specialist lessons.

3. How we are providing the curriculum

We will continue to provide the rich and broad curriculum that we value at Canonbury while ensuring that we are securing and extending key English and Maths skills following the time off school.

English and Maths

Class Teachers will spend significant time at the start of term finding out where each child has reached in their learning in Reading, Writing and Maths and planning for what they need to learn next. The Leadership Team has made a whole school teaching and learning plan and shared this with teachers during the training days at the start of September.

Wider Curriculum

We will be continuing with our 5 Minds curriculum, studying all curriculum subjects: History and Geography topics, Science, Computing, Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education

Specialist Subjects

Music: Musical instrument teaching will begin in late September/early October, according to safety guidance regarding instrumental teaching and brass and wind instruments.

Years 3 and 4 will have recorder lessons and Years 5 and 6 will learn brass. There will be appropriate safety measures in place for children and staff.

The optional individual lessons in violin and piano will begin again in the week beginning 21st September.

Art and Design: Art lessons will take place as normal within the Art Space

Spanish: Years 2-6 will continue with Spanish lessons in their classrooms on Thursdays

PE and Sport: Lessons will take place outside unless prevented by extreme weather. Team Kick Start are adapting the programme so that activities support fitness, team building, and enjoyment that does not involve contact sports.

We will send parents more information about the curriculum in the second half of September, once the children are settled into the new term and their bubble routines.

4. Home School Communication

To maintain adult distancing, parents and carers are not entering the school site unless part of the Early Years and Year 1 'coming to school' arrangements.

Day to day communication

Parents can contact the school by phone or email using the number and address below (these are also on the school letterhead and website)

Email: admin@canonbury.islington.sch.uk

Tel.: 0207 226 5020

Please contact us in this way for all your enquiries, messages and requests. Our office staff will be able to help you or direct you to the right person.

Other Key Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Jo Davey, jo.davey@canonbury.islington.sch.uk
Pastoral Manager: Chloe Smith, chloe.smith@canonbury.islington.sch.uk
Special Educational Needs Co.: Sandy Fazio, sandy.fazio@canonbury.islington.sch.uk

Website

Our website has a wide range of information for parents as well as regular news about children's learning and enjoyment. All our Return to School letters and leaflets are available on the school website here.

Twitter

If you wish to be alerted about Canonbury news and events via Twitter, please do follow us here

ClassDojo

Now that children are back at school, we will be adapting our use of ClassDojo so that we can continue to keep you in touch with your child's learning. We will let you know what you can expect from ClassDojo once we have settled into the new school routines.

Parent Meetings

Our termly parent meetings may need to take place in a different way and we are expecting further guidance - we will let you know as soon as we can about when and how we will hold these essential opportunities to discuss your child's learning.

PTA

We will work together to find imaginative ways of holding events without gathering, as parents did so successfully with Run Canonbury Run in July