

20th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of ALL Nursery children in Acorn class,

**Re: West Acton Primary School Nursery Reopening – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

I wrote to you on the 11<sup>th</sup> January after the Government guidance was updated to say that Nurseries should be open, and we were advised to wait for further local guidance.

We are pleased to be able to re-open Nursery for all pupils who wish to attend from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

I am extremely grateful to Miss Birch, Miss Iacurci and Mrs Shah who will be coming back to school to teach the children alongside Mrs Matharu who has been running our onsite provision since the 4<sup>th</sup> January. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team who have maintained a high level of education onsite and offsite remotely. Thank you all too, for supporting your child's education during this term so far – we appreciate how challenging it can be to engage young Nursery children in remote education online so it has been fantastic to see so many of you taking part.

To support social distancing at drop off and pick up the sessions will be as follows:

**AM Nursery 9.00am to 11.45am**

**PM Nursery 12.15pm – 3.00pm**

Those children currently attending our provision, because they are in the group specified by the Government, can continue to attend following the timings that they have been doing.

Please line up on the right hand pathway (as usual) and children will leave and enter via the Victoria hall – and ensure that you wear face coverings and are patient and respectful of children, each other and staff. Everything else is as usual – uniform, water bottles and wow books etc.

Whilst we are reopening Nursery, I would like to remind you that the threat of COVID-19 in London still remains high in Tier 5 and we are still in a National Lockdown. We will still be following our risk assessment procedures and in the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in Nursery, staff or child, we would have to close the provision for all. Please do consider carefully the decision to send your child back or not and follow our measures as well as the national guidance for COVID-19 – reminder on the back. Blended learning will remain in place for those children who wish to remain at home.

Yours faithfully,

**Karen Kondo**  
Headteacher

**William Rollason**  
Chair of Governors

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ**

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.



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## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

### Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

