



Broadening Horizons
Raising Aspirations



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WEEK ENDING 22/01/2021

REMOTE LEARNING:

Thank you – all of you - so much for embracing this new way of working. Our teachers have been working really hard to produce these pre-recorded lessons, as well as teach the children in school, and we are so grateful to them all for their hard work and dedication.



Please refer to the guides on the website and call us if we can help in any way (Lumina is becoming a G Classroom expert now!).



I understand how frustrating it is when it takes so long to upload work etc. I imagine there are many children and adults all over the country using every bit of internet connection at the moment. I don't have a magic wand for this – so I thank you for your patience.

We hope that, from next week, we will be able to set up 'Google Meets' through G Classroom. This will be an opportunity for the children to see each other and their teacher once a week. The teacher may join the meet from school (with the children in their Bubbles) or from home. I have sent a Ping to ask about timings for this, and I will go with the majority vote. We will, of course, send you instructions on how to do this and obtain consent from parents/carers whose children are in Bubbles presently (if in school that day).

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING (LFD):

Next week, we will introduce these tests (LFD) for all staff in school.

The tests will be taken twice a week to ensure that staff in school are not carrying the virus unknowingly (Public Health England state that 1 in 3 people are asymptomatic and will be completely unaware they are infecting others).

I am awaiting local Public Health England advice for further information. Presently, any staff member who tests positive on a LFD test needs to then get this confirmed by obtaining a Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PCR) before notifying others.

At Coombe Road Primary, we will notify you of any positive cases within your child's Bubble and will close the Bubble for 10 days after contact with the positive person (or longer if it is decided that this is in the best interests of our school community for health and safety purposes).

If the PCR test is negative, we will re-open the Bubble.



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RATES IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE:

Headteachers meet with Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) and Public Health England (PHE) regularly. This week, we were informed by local PHE that rates are beginning to reduce as a direct result of the national lockdown. This is good news - however, the rates are still incredibly high when compared with April. It appears unlikely that all children will be back in school after February half term.

Please continue to follow guidance to keep yourself and others safe.

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings).



Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

OUR MIDDLE BUBBLE:

Our Middle Bubble have been enjoying their learning. Here they are, ready to save the world! If only they could defeat viruses...





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OUR LOWER BUBBLE:

Our Lower Bubble built houses to keep the 'Three Little Pigs' safe and sound – keep that wolf away!



GOLDEN PUPILS:

Golden Pupils are announced each week on Google Classroom (where you will also find their certificates). Well done to the children who have achieved this award so far!

GOLDEN PUPILS		
	15/01 Carlo, Domi, Jaylen, Ethan F, Shaila, Lexi K, Bobby	
	22/01 Junior, Tiffany, Jake N, Charlie, Regan, Gia, Lampros	