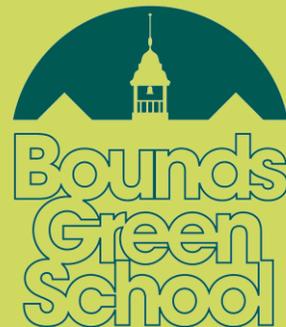


Bounds Green School Newsletter



6th October 2020

A Message from Will

I would like to thank all of our families for the supportive and positive way you have engaged with the new routines we have put in place at school to keep everyone safe. I am pleased by the high numbers of children coming to school, with attendance for practically all classes over 96% for last week (Regents Park at 100%) which is much higher than national averages. You and your children deserve great credit.

The new routines we have put in place are for a very good reason. The proportion of COVID-19 positive cases in Haringey, and in our local wards, is rising according to data published last week, so it is more important than ever for everyone to take our risk mitigation and infection control measures seriously. This is a global pandemic but a successful response relies on an individual and a collective responsibility. As a result of our combined efforts we have not had a positive case for any child or staff member at our school so far.

Slight Change to start/end of the day Routines from 12th October

You have done superbly in getting used to the new routines for the start and end of the school day...so our apologies but we have decided that we need to make a slight change in light of the changing seasonal weather conditions. These changes should get the children in more quickly in the morning whilst maintaining social distancing. The main change will see a 'soft start' to the day for Years 4 and 5, to be the same as the routine Year 6 have been following for three weeks.

All will be explained in a separate letter and map going out tomorrow. Please make sure you read it carefully.

Nursery Update

It has been great to see our new Nursery children settle in so quickly at Bounds Green. Thank you to parents & carers for becoming familiar with the different start times and entrances for different groups. We would also like to thank you for your support in trying to keep our Nursery setting as Covid safe as possible by:

- Trying to keep to a minimum your time inside the Nursery setting at the start of the day, following our advice of "Drop and Go!" (Katy and her Nursery team will liaise with you individually if they think you should stay for a while)
- Always wearing a face mask whilst on school site
- Please remembering the rule of one parent/carer per family



Wearing Face Masks While on the School Grounds

Most of you are doing a great job of wearing a face mask while on the school grounds, but we would like to remind all parents and carers to please keep their masks on at all times while at the school, and only remove their masks once they have left through the school gates. We understand that some parents or carers may not be able to wear a face mask for medical reasons, if this is the case please speak to a member of SLT about this, they will be situated at each entrance at the beginning and end of each school day.

It is very important to wear face masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19 as numbers of cases have been creeping up, and would like to keep our families and community safe. Please don't be offended if you are asked to wear a mask when coming into the school grounds, if we all do our part to protect ourselves and others it will help to keep the spread to a minimum.

A Message from Will continued....

Subject Specialist Teaching Update

As you may know, one of the strengths of our school over the years is the specialist teaching we have been able to offer in Art/DT for Years 2-6 (Danni Leach), Spanish for Years 1-6 (Sylvia Laguna), Music for Years 1-6 (Elena Brown-Singing / Toby Davies-Percussion) and PE for Years 2-6 (London Football Academy tutors, such as Luigi and Chelsea).

For this academic year PE through London Academy continues for Years 2-6, however, we have needed to make changes to the specialist teaching provision for Spanish, Art/DT and Music in the current circumstances.

Art/DT

Danni Leach will be only teaching Art/DT herself to all classes in Years 4, 5 and 6. It has been necessary through our risk assessment process to reduce Danni's contacts to the seven classes from Years 4-6, as part of our risk minimisation process. All classes take place within the Art room. The Year 3 teachers will follow Danni's Art/DT curriculum plans delivering these subjects in class themselves. For Year 2, Helen Reardon, who has expertise in the area has and will be teaching each of the Year 2 classes the subject.

Spanish

At Bounds Green we have a passion for beginning the teaching of modern foreign language as early as possible at our school. In past years Sylvia Laguna has taught classes across our school beginning in Year 1 (even some limited Reception sessions!). The teaching of modern foreign language is only a requirement in the Juniors.

Unfortunately, as per Danni, our risk assessment identified the need to limit the number of classes Sylvia could teach as a protective measure. This year Sylvia is currently limited to teaching the 10 Junior classes from Year 3-6 (300 children). Like you we are disappointed that this means that in the present circumstances Sylvia is unable to teach in Years 2 or Year 1. Whilst there are pressures as the school continues to expand the current situation means that we need to restrict Sylvia's teaching to the Junior classes. Aly (one of our Governors and a Year 2 parent), has shared with me that many fellow Year 2 parents expressed willingness to offer financial support if there were the option of extra provision or an extra-curricular or lunchtime club. I would like to express my gratitude for your support and willingness to help, however, at present it is necessary to restrict Sylvia's contacts to minimise risks. We will continue to consider any available opportunities or options.

Music

We are delighted that guidance since the start of term has permitted singing to restart, however, the guidance has limited Elena to singing with only one class at a time to follow social distancing controls. This has meant that our previous combined year group assemblies of six classes at once are unable to take place. This term classes in Years 3 and 5 have been having singing lessons every Wednesday morning with Elena. After half term it will be the turn of the Year 4 and 6 classes. As we move into 2021 the rota will allow for other year groups to have the same experience.

Toby Davies, our part time percussion teacher, who in previous years would teach classes from Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 is currently being advised by medical experts to 'shield'. We hope that his situation will change so that he will be able to return to work in some capacity (following Covid-19 guidance and risk assessment) later this term.

Nut-Free School

School Menu

You can find the latest school menu on the school website:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/parent-information/school-meals/>. At the

moment you will notice that there is a dessert every day, this is a special exception to welcome the children back after and provide them with a little treat to help them settle back into 'normal' school life. After the October half term the desserts will go back to being a choice between yogurt with dried fruit, seeds and compote, cheese and biscuits, or fresh fruit, this will be for Monday to Thursday, and then on Treat Friday there will be the 'vote dessert' as voted for by the children!

After School Club Snacks – No Nuts

For those that attend the After School Club, we would like to remind you that when providing a snack for your child please don't include anything that contains nuts. We are a nut-free school, so this includes anything from peanut butter, to cereal bars (most of which contain nuts, please always check the label). We have children in the school that have serious nut allergies so we ask that there are no nuts in any area of the school, this includes Breakfast Club, After School Club, and any trips or Activity Clubs when they start again. We are also a healthy school, so please don't include any sweets, chocolate (or chocolate spread) or crisps in the snack.



Ventilated Rooms

One of the requirements as part of our Risk Assessment for Covid-19 is to have all the classrooms well ventilated; this will mean that the windows in the classrooms have to be open throughout the day while the children are in there. While the heating for the school will be on, it may be worth making sure the children are dressed well in layers that they are able to put on and take off if required.

After School Activity Clubs

We have received a fair amount of interest around Activity Clubs which ordinarily we would be up and running by now. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place and allocation of group bubbles, we have had to postpone the opening of these clubs for the time being. We will revisit the possibility of Activity clubs in after the October half term. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Reception to year 6 Flu Nasal Spray

The School Nurses will be coming to Bounds Green on Wednesday 18th November for the Nasal spray Flu immunisation for each child from Reception to Year 6. We are waiting for the consent forms to be sent to us, then we aim to have these sent out via the class teacher before the October half term. To return these forms you can drop them into one of the collection boxes that will be situated by the main entrances.

School Drop off and Pick Up

When dropping off your children, or picking them up at the end of the day, while waiting for the school gate to open please can we all be respectful of other pavement and road users and ideally line up along the school fence to allow others to get past while keeping socially distanced.

Classroom News

Meet the Teacher – Online

As you should have seen by now, this year the teachers have done their 'Meet the Teacher' via our school website. Each class teacher has done a short video showing the classroom and talking about the class set up, there is also some information to go with it answering the key information that parents need to know for each year group, including PE days, homework, start and finish times, etc. To have a look at these please go to your child's year group page:

<https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/classes/>

Home Learning

By now children in Years 1-6 should have received your PurpleMash and MyMaths login details, along with a blue exercise book (the same one that was used for home learning previously). These logins and exercise books are to stay at home in the event of any class bubbles having to self-isolate, or if any individuals have to self-isolate. We advise that you write your log in details in the front of your blue exercise book so that you don't lose them. We are in the process of setting up Google Classrooms for all the children, this will be the main form of teaching if a class bubble needs to self-isolate, or the school closes for lockdown. Logins will be sent out shortly.

As Google Classrooms isn't suitable for Early Years (Nursery and Reception), they will receive any home learning needed via their weekly newsletter.

Office Arrangements During Covid-19

We are asking parents and carers to not enter the school building unless you have a meeting or need to drop off medication. Where possible we ask parents and carers to either call or email the school and we will be able to help with any queries that way. The office is open between 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday, please see the table below with the email addresses of the different office staff:

CONTACT	POSITION	EMAIL	Key Roles
Admin		admin@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	General Enquiries
Faye Papini	School Business Manager	fpapini@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	School Business Manager
Katherine Still	Senior Admin Officer	katherine@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	Nursery Admissions/Enquiries
Ashleigh Robertson	Admin Officer	arobertson@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	School Meal Enquiries
Janice Adam-Saib	Admin Officer	janice@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	Attendance/ Free School Meals/Care Plans & Medical
Christina Baptista	Admin Officer	cbaptista@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	After School Club/ Breakfast Club/ Extended Nursery Day
Catherine Lima	Admin Officer	clima@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk	Library Enquiries

Other News

Breakfast Club Booking System

You will have seen by now that all Breakfast Club bookings will now need to be paid for when placing the booking, or have credit on your child's account to be able to confirm the booking. If you pay with childcare vouchers or Tax-Free childcare, please make sure that you send the payment in advance so that it can be added to your child's account before you make your booking. You will need to book 24hrs in advance, but if you do need to cancel a booking that you have already made you can contact Christina in the office and she will cancel the booking as long as you give 24hrs notice.

School Meals or Packed Lunch for Reception to Year 6

Please ensure you notify the School Office via telephone, or email Ashleigh (Arobertson@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk) if you would like to change your child's/children meal type. The office will inform you when this change is able to start as we need to give notice to the Kitchen as we pre order the food.

If your child's is in the Junior school and on school meals and you do not notify the Office that you have changed to packed lunch, the system will automatically charge you £2.38 per day for a school meal, so please ensure you speak to the Office before changing. If you think you are eligible for free school meals please ring or email Janice in the Office (Janice@boundsgreen.hairngey.sch.uk).



PTA News

Hello from the **PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Committee**, and a warm welcome to all those new to school. The Committee is made up of parents, carers and staff who volunteer their time and efforts to organise fundraising events; the 'Association' is every parent, carer and staff member at Bounds Green! The funds raised through events and sales help to buy all kinds of resources and educational extras, which enrich our children's learning and enhance their school environment. The current situation poses certain difficulties, but we are determined to find new ways of working!

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 11 November 8.30pm

The very first date for your diary is **Wednesday 11 November at 8.30pm**, when you are invited to join the **PTA's Annual General Meeting** to be held online. You'll find out all about what we got up to last academic year, how much was raised, and – importantly - how you can get involved this year. You'll also be able to help elect committee members for the 2020/2021 academic year, and maybe become one yourself! Details of how to join the meeting will follow in the next newsletter, but please put the date in your diary now!

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Please also see the Calendar on the school website: <https://boundsgreenschool.co.uk/new-and-events/school-calendar/>

Bags, face coverings and bottles!

We have several projects in the pipeline – one which we're really excited about is a range of **bumbags, drawstring bags, face coverings** (for adults and children) and **water bottles** which will be available to buy online, with designs provided by a talented committee member, and the finished items produced in conjunction with another Bounds Green family. Thank you to everyone who has been involved – we can't wait to show off the goodies once they're back with us! Here's a sneak peek of one of the lovely designs.



<u>October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26.10.20 – 30.10.20 – Half term holiday	<u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31.03.2021 – Last day of Spring term
<u>November</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 02.11.20 – INSET DAY – school closed• 18.11.20 – Flu Vaccine for Rec – Yr6• 25.11.20 – Individual child photo day	<u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19.04.21 – First day of the Summer term
<u>December</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18.12.20 – Last day of school	<u>May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 03.05.21 – BANK HOLIDAY, school closed• 31.05.21 - 04.06.21 – Half term holiday
<u>January</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 04.01.21 – INSET day, school closed• 05.01.21 – First day of Spring term	<u>June</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 04.06.21 – Last day of Summer half term holidays
<u>February</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15.02.21 - 19.02.21 – Half term holiday• 26.02.21 - INSET day, school closed	<u>July</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23.07.21 – Last day of summer term