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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a year like no other, I write to share all the information you require to be prepared for September 2021 and beyond.

## *September 2021 and beyond*

The Government this week lifted the majority of Covid-19 restrictions. Schools have been advised to continue to undertake contact-tracing responsibility until 16<sup>th</sup> August, at which point no child under 18 will be required to isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive case by NHS Test and Trace.

Below is a summary of the national changes and measures that will be in place when we return on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and the decisions we have taken as a school to ensure our school community remains safe:

- As of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we will no longer maintain a staggered start and end to the school day. **The school day will be from 8.45am – 3.15pm.** All children will line up in specific locations in the front playground, to be met by their class teacher and teaching and learning assistants.
- It will no longer be necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that whole school **Collective Worships in the hall can resume**, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at playtime and lunchtime.
- **Our children will spend playtimes and lunchtimes in phase groups:** Reception; Years 1 & 2; Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. These phase groups will share one of the playgrounds and the lunch hall together.
- **Face coverings will no longer be a requirement for children, staff or visitors** either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, if you wish to continue to wear face coverings when entering the school site your choice will be respected.
- **There is no need for primary-age children to test over the summer holiday.** Secondary schools may choose, however, to start testing year 6 children earlier depending on their local context.
- Staff and children with a positive Lateral Flow test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have Covid-19. If the PCR test is taken within two days of the positive Lateral Flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test Lateral Flow test and the pupil can return to school as long as the individual does not have COVID-19 symptoms. We would still expect parents to notify the school of a positive case.
- We will continue to maintain our capacity to deliver high-quality remote education for next academic year, for children who are self-isolating, including for children who are abroad and facing challenges to return due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

- We will continue to provide free school meal support to any children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who are learning at home during term time.
- Over the past 18 months, children have missed much of the extra-curricular learning that enhances our curriculum. **We will be resuming after school clubs, trips, residentials and school visits in the Autumn Term.** Schools are advised to undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits and ensure that any public health advice, such as hygiene and ventilation requirements, are included as part of the risk assessment.
- Children will still be required to adhere to strict handwashing and hygiene practices in September.
- **We will offer face-to-face and virtual Parents' Evenings in the Autumn Term**, so parents can choose the format that suits them best.

Schools must continue to maintain, review and update risk assessments. We will have arrangements in place to monitor the effectiveness of controls and respond to any potential changes that may affect provision at Holy Trinity in the Autumn Term.

I will provide you with further updates as and when they arise, and will communicate with you in due course.

## *Goodbye and Thank You*

It is at this time of year that we sadly have to say goodbye to some of our wonderful staff team.

Mr Cottrell, our Year 2 Class Teacher and Humanities Lead, is leaving us at the end of the year to begin a new adventure in Hove, where he will be working in a bilingual school. Mr Cottrell will be sorely missed by our community. He has played a significant role in our school's environmental, musical and sporting achievements over the past five years and his new school is very lucky to have him.

Ms Knight, our Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead, is moving to Richmond to be closer to her family. She will be working in a range of schools across the borough. Ms Knight has had a significant impact on physical education at our school, exemplified by the excellent Sports Day organised a few weeks ago. We will all miss Ms Knight very much.

Ms Romano, our Year 6 Teaching and Learning Assistant, is leaving us to pursue her dream of becoming a secondary school teacher of mathematics. Ms Romano will be working for the Harris Academy and I think she will be exceptional at what she does. Our loss is very much Harris' gain.

Mr Mountford, our Year 4 & 5 Teaching and Learning Assistant, is also about to begin a career as a teacher. He will start his Post-Graduate Certificate of Education in September and aims to be a primary school teacher in London. I know that he will be an outstanding practitioner and our school has been very lucky to have him this year.

Mr Park will not be with us next year, but a coach from SG Sports will be coaching and managing our football squad in the Lambeth Saturday League. We will miss Mr Park very much and thank him very much for all that he has done for our children.

Last, but by no means least, we wish the lovely Ms Montague all the very best for her retirement. Ms Montague began working at Holy Trinity in 1998 and is about to complete her 23<sup>rd</sup> year of work with the school. Ms Montague has had such a positive impact on the children she has worked with, and I am particularly grateful to her for extending her employment with us for one more year... she should really have been on a cruise ship now, but agreed to stay with us and see our children through this pandemic. Wishing you all the happiness and joy in your retirement, Ms Montague. Thank you for everything.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team for the extraordinary effort and dedication they have displayed throughout this academic year. To have provided our children with the quality care and education they have this year, despite all the additional challenges presented by the pandemic, is something I will never forget. Our children have made very good progress this year and the impact of the lost learning time after Christmas has been minimised. It is a remarkable achievement and one I will be eternally grateful to our staff for. I am sure you will join me in congratulating our team on a job very well done.

# Term Dates for 2021-22

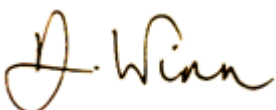
Term	Start Date	Finish Date
<b>Autumn One (2021)</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - INSET Day</i>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Autumn Two</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - INSET Day</i>
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Spring One (2022)</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January INSET Days</i>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Spring Two</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Summer One</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
<b>Summer Two</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July INSET Days</i>
<b>Summer Holiday</b>		

## Important Notices

- ◆ Our new school uniform is available to buy now! [Just click here](#). Order now to take advantage of the 'Early Bird' discount.
- ◆ I will write to you in September outlining a number of changes we are making to the way in which we process payments for wraparound care, school dinners and trips. We will continue to use ParentPay; this does not change.
- ◆ If you or a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19 during the summer holiday, please notify the school immediately by emailing [admin@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk)
- ◆ We received some wonderful feedback from our parents in the 'End of Year Parent Survey'. Some of the highlights were that 100% of our parents feel welcome when they come to school, 100% believe that their children are happy at Holy Trinity and 100% think that our staff are approachable and accessible. We will prioritise increasing feedback for parents on their children's progress next year, based on the helpful feedback in our survey. If you have not completed this survey yet, [please click here](#). Thank you.

Thank you for your support and understanding during what has been an unprecedented and challenging academic year. The children have been amazing throughout, demonstrating our core values brilliantly by showing great creativity, resilience and empathy. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful, safe and happy summer holiday. See you all on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.45am.

Kind regards,



Mr Winn