



# PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Newsletter**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

*Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support*

Dear School Community,

This rollercoaster week has culminated in what are unprecedented times ahead. The photos below of our final assemblies for a long time punctuate the stillness around the school as gradually our numbers dwindled and the last pupils said their goodbyes this afternoon. The times ahead will be testing our resolve and will expose the very best and worst in us. I am confident that through our School Values we will get through this together. Key for our pupils is contact and routine. Through our planned daily Home Learning activities, teachers will keep contact with their classes. We ask parents that you set out a daily schedule for your children. It is important that they know what is expected at different times of the day and to try to keep to this as much as possible. This will help when we return to school. Make the most of this opportunity to help your child learn and access the resources they need. Consider it quality time. Talk a lot with your child and avoid hiding behind screens – and, good communication involves a lot of listening.

I am proud to lead a school with such amazing people. Our pupils could explain why we had to close and what is being done about this problem – “To help the Key Workers.” and “Adults will sort this and we wash our hands.” All parents have been giving messages of support and my colleagues are adapting to their roles of distance teaching and preparing for the Key Workers’ children. It is humbling to think that we are able to make a contribution to the real heroes of the moment: enabling those health workers on the front line of fighting this virus

to getting to work. Our school community at home has their vital role to play as well, by meeting this heartfelt appeal from NHS staff:



School staff will therefore be taking turns to be at PoW but will mostly be working from home - planning, preparing, communicating with pupils, online training etc.

Also essential are those other workers in Health and Social Care, Education and Childcare, Key Public Services, Local and National Government, Food and Other Necessary Goods, Public Safety and National Security, Transport Utilities, Communication and Financial services whose roles are necessary for the continuation of these essential public services.



By doing all we can to support these Key Workers through behaving in a responsible manner, the potentially devastating impact of Covid-19 can be kept as small as possible.

Mr J M Bless  
Headteacher



**Our Value for March is HONESTY**

These pupils modelled the value this week:  
Ayden 1T, Bella 1K, Sanita 1To, Tyler 2H, Logan 2T, Daniel 2A, Amelia 3R, Lemuel 3G, Symone 3F, Arios 4H, Kayden 4T, Aron 4F, Cakleb 5K, Mariam 5H, Samir 5G, Austin 6L, Maisha 6T, Sadaq 6B

### Attendance this week

*Attendance rapidly went down this week from 72% on Monday and down on subsequent days to 60%, 41%, 24% and 20% on Friday. Thank you to all parents who sensibly kept their children at home when someone developed the symptom of a cough or high temperature. Even if not related to Covid-19, we must not take the risk. We hope that our pupils will attend to their Home Learning from next week. Share your work with your teachers and classes through your LGfL emails and your class mail box.*



Year 2 have written their messages just like children across Europe. It first started in Italy, where children will display them on their windows.

Weekly Values and Achievement 'assemblies' will continue to take place. Pupils' work will feature in our weekly newsletter and the Enfield Schools Partnership is also inviting families in this wider community to share what they do:

#### ETSP website 'news'

Schools may be closing but the work hasn't stopped... We don't want anyone to feel isolated because they are unable to attend school. To bring everyone together (virtually), we're planning to showcase pupils' work at home each week on our 'news' page to celebrate their achievements, book reviews, creativity and original home-working ideas.

Parents/carers we need your help with this... Please can you email a photo of your child's work including their first name, year group, school and a brief description [click here to send](#). We will try to share as many of your photos as possible. To align with all our schools' safeguarding policies please do not include your child in any photograph. We look forward to seeing your submissions.

Follow [@etsplondon](#) on Twitter and Instagram as well as your social media channels so we can all stay in contact.

### Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 14 days if someone at home has either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

### Urgent advice: Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Click here to [Use the 111 coronavirus service](#)

**Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.**

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