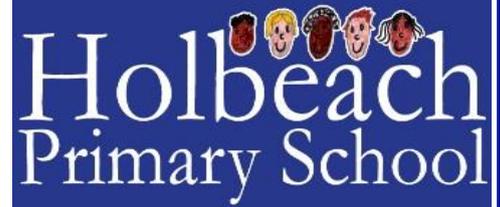


# Holbeach Primary School

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: May Half Term & Update on possible increase in the number of pupils attending school

I hope that you are safe and well and able to enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine that we are experiencing!

I am writing today to provide information about the May Half Term break (which is next week) and an update with regards to the government's proposed increase in the number of children attending Holbeach.

### MAY HALF TERM

Our aim at Holbeach is to attempt to ensure that next week feels different to the children to give them a sense of 'holiday' as opposed to 'term time'. Therefore, from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, we will not be setting any new work or learning on the class blogs as it is important that the children have the opportunity to have some unstructured time too. The distance learning for all year groups will reconvene on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Holbeach will remain open for that small group of children that the government have asked us to look after (e.g. those whose parents are critical/key workers) throughout the holiday period. If you would like to know more about this please email [admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk) and reference "critical worker provision".

### POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ATTENDING SCHOOL

The school continues to undertake an extensive risk assessment and planning programme that involves consultation and communication with staff, governors, trade unions and the local authority. I hope that this reassures you that the safety and wellbeing of the children, their families and the staff will be the primary factor that we shall keep in mind when making decisions about increasing the number of children attending the school.

I can, however, share with you that the risk assessments that have been completed so far have indicated that **no additional children should attend the school in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June** and that there is a **strong likelihood that it will be the children in Year 6 who will be invited to return to school first (potentially from 8<sup>th</sup> June)** although again this will be phased and carefully monitored and reviewed.

Please note, if your child is 'clinically vulnerable', or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning.

**I want to reassure you again that we will not be pressuring anyone to send their children to school and the government have made it very clear that it is up to parents/carers to decide whether or not their children should attend.**

All of the above is dependent upon the announcement that the Prime Minister will make following a key meeting with the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) on the 28<sup>th</sup> May and is therefore liable to change.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and commitment to working with the school in the best interests of our children.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Bulpitt  
Headteacher

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