

Keyworth Primary School

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Expanded reopening update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family continue to remain safe and well. Last week we welcomed over 70 children to school each day with the new returnees familiarising themselves with the changes to school life.

School lunch changes

For the first two weeks of our expanded reopening our catering team have provided packed lunches which the children have eaten in class. As we believe we are now able to safely do so, we have asked the catering team to trial providing hot food for this week. Children will continue to have staggered lunchtimes with only year group pods using the hall at the same time, but divided into two areas. As per usual service, the tables will be cleaned between sittings.

You may of course provide your child/children with a packed lunch but please remember that containers should be taken home and cleaned each day.

Home learning provision – Google classroom

As I have said previously, the continuation of *Google classroom* provision in its current form would be reviewed and changed if it meant that teachers' workload and wellbeing would be impacted adversely. All Keyworth teachers are in school planning for and covering pods daily, as well as planning and creating resources for *Google classroom* to support home learning. This is not manageable or sustainable, so from **Monday 22nd June** we will no longer be providing a different set of resources for different maths groups but instead be creating lessons for all children in a year group to access, with differentiated resources:

- 1 learning letter for English and 1 set of lessons for the year group;
- 1 learning letter for Maths and 1 set of lessons for the year group.

Contacting the school office - reminder

As parents/carers are not allowed on the school premises, you will not be able to physically access the school office. To contact the school office, you can either call or email: office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk.

Parents/carers should not just turn up at school but should instead ring the office in advance to confirm a time for visiting. This is to ensure that we do not have too many people in and around school at the same time.

Photos for the school website - reminder

As shared last week, we would like to create an online gallery of photos of Keyworth children and/or the work they have produced at home while school has been closed. We have received a few photos of work that can be found on the school website, but would love to have many more to showcase the excellent work being done at home. We are particularly interested in children's creative and artistic skills, work across the curriculum, outside learning, or anything else that you would like to share. This can be linked to the planning shared in the 'wider curriculum' on the website or anything else that your children have been up to. Please send any photos to office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk (include your child's name and class, and state that the photo is for the website).

Support with providing food for your families

We can still provide families with the offer of a food parcel, if needed. We have lots of cereal, beans, frozen bagels and rice available for collection.

- If you have an **immediate** need of support to provide food for your family during the next week, please call the school office and/or email office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk (include your name, and your child's name and class in your message).

If your financial situation has changed due to COVID-19, please click on the link below for emergency support: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/emergency-support>

Public Health are keeping updated their list of food banks and charities, so please click here for the latest information: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus/food-access>

Year 6 residential – refund

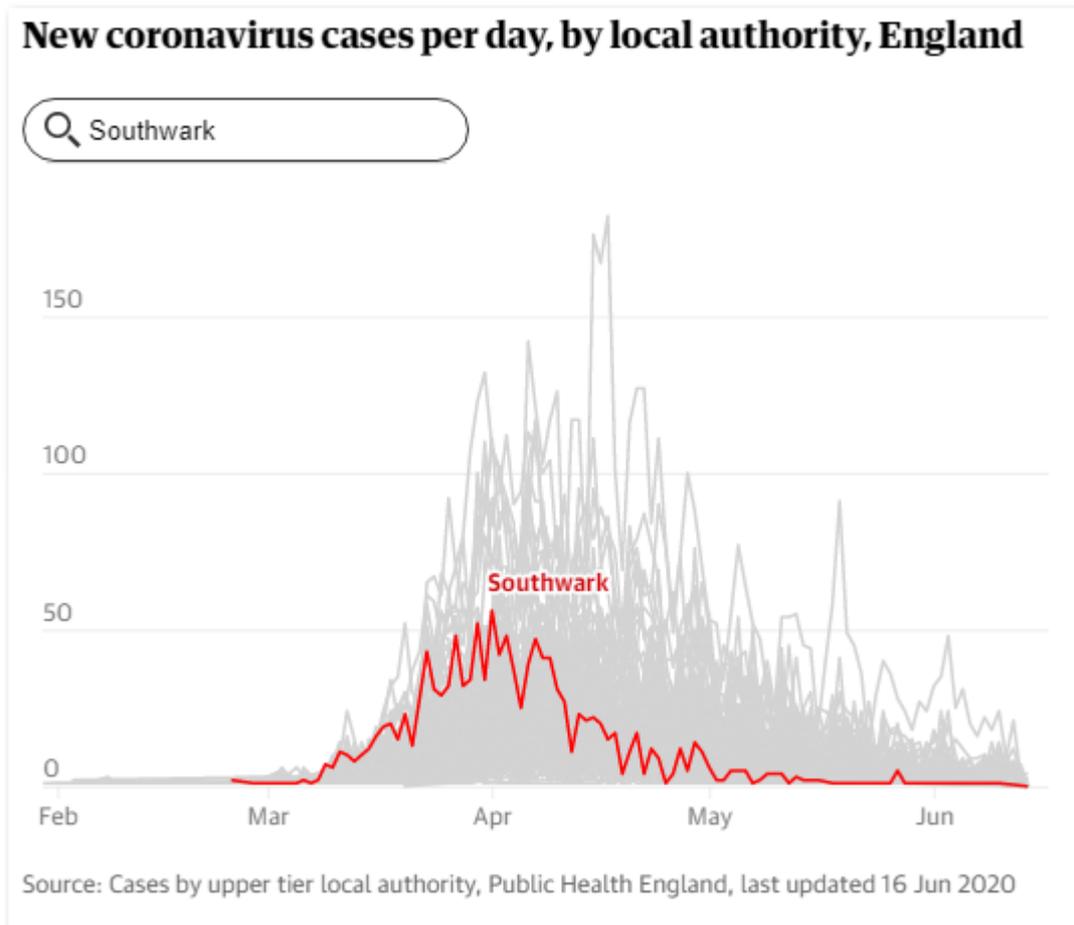
The school office has called every family to provide a refund for the cancelled year 6 residential but have not been able to contact everyone. If your refund has not been discussed with you, please call the school.

Southwark Libraries information

- **Children's & Parents Zoom Event** – the libraries' summer theme for children is to celebrate books that are funny or silly. Kicking off the summer events programme will be a live event on Zoom. The event is suitable for children aged 4 years and above and will be run by Southwark Library staff on Thursday 25th June from 2pm to 3pm. To take part and receive access details, parents are required to provide permission for their child. Please send an email to: elaine.walters@southwark.gov.uk. You can click on the following link for further information: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/27049/9622/27049?c=191>
- **The Summer Reading Challenge** - the *Summer Reading Challenge* has started and will run through to early September. For further information click on the following link: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/26927/9611/26927?c=191>.
- **Writing competition** – children are encouraged to write a short story or poem around the theme 'longest day'. There are different age-group categories ranging from ages 5-17 for children, plus an adult competition. The deadline for entries is 31st July with further information being found on the following link: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/26582/9504/26582?c=191>. For queries, please contact Elaine Walters on the email address above.

Latest Southwark Coronavirus information

For your information, please see below a graph that shows the number of positive Coronavirus tests in Southwark over time. This data has been taken from Public Health England but only includes those who have taken a test. You will see that the red line shows a sustained reduction in the number of people testing positive for the Coronavirus in Southwark throughout May and June, which is welcome news.



Wishing you a lovely week.

Ray Capper

Head of School

Quotes from Keyworth returnees

"School is great! Although things are different to what it was like before, I have quickly got used to it and have almost forgotten about Covid-19. To summarise, I feel great and school feels great!"

Awesome, Year 6

"I like bubble club because I like playing with my own play dough. We made it with flour, oil, water and salt, and then we chose our paint and then we played with it. I made butterflies and pancakes. I missed playing with the toys and playing outside. I have had fun in bubble club because I have missed my teachers."

Jade, Reception

"I am feeling very excited about being at school as I was at home for 2 months and now I get to come back to school."

Adama, Year 4

"Life at school has been really weird. This is because in my pod there are only two people from my original class and the rest of the pod were not really my friends before lock down. However, the people from the other class are really funny and it has been really good having them in my pod because I am getting to know them better."

Aliyah, Year 6

"During my first day back at school, I was really confused as I have never seen school like this but luckily my teacher explained everything properly. After the first couple of days, I understood everything clearly and right now I am feeling very happy."

Khalil, Year 6

"It's been so much fun, we have got to play outside lots and do lots of fun art!"

Mohamed, Year 5

"I like to come to school because I like playing with the Lego, Unifix cubes and the lunch and phonics. I missed school because I like my teachers and I like learning about the dinosaurs."

Arthur, Reception

"I like playing with the T-Rex and sitting in the room eating my lunch with my friends."

Frankie, Reception

"School has been so much fun, I've got to see some of my friends from a distance because social distancing is important at our school. The teachers have made it really fun, it doesn't even feel like I'm at school because it's so much fun!"

Charlie, Year 4

"School has been fun! I've got to see some of my friends, the teachers have been nice and caring and I'm so glad that we finally have our own desks. We've all got so much more room!"

Georgia, Year 5

"School has been good because quarantine was so boring. I've got to have fun with some of my friends at school and got to learn some more about my favourite subject, maths! Although I like being in my new class and I really like my new teachers, I really miss being taught by Jason and Jo!"

Ousmane, Year 5

"I love being back at school. I missed it when it was closed."

Albie, Year 2

"I really like being back at school because I like learning."

Lysander, Year 2

"I like being back at school so I can do some arts and crafts."

Jabari, Year 3

Nursery and Reception redesign the lunch hall



Nursery bug hunting and making



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Learning about plastic pollution and saving our oceans



