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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are continuing with our regular 'frequently asked questions' letters this term. Many of you have been asking questions of us over the phone, face to face, and via email. As there are some clear themes emerging, we feel the most efficient way for the school to answer these questions is via these 'FAQ' letters.

So, feel free to email questions in, as this will help us to decide the content of the 'FAQ' letters, however, we are unlikely to respond to each individual email at this time.

### **When should I keep my child off school?**

You must keep your child off school if they exhibit any of the three Covid 19 symptoms:

- **High fever**
- **Persistent cough**
- **Changes to sense of taste and/or smell**

In the case of Covid symptoms, you should have your child tested ASAP. Your entire family should start to self-isolate until you get your test results. If the test is negative, your child (and any siblings), may return to school, if they are feeling well enough. If the test is positive, your child (and any siblings), should continue to self-isolate.

If you feel your child's symptoms may put other children, and staff, at risk of catching the illness, we ask you keep them off school until they are well enough to return. If it is clear your child is suffering from a cold, and their symptoms are relatively mild, they can attend school.

### **Will you provide work for my child if they are off sick, or self-isolating?**

We will not be providing work for individual children, or families, who need to self-isolate. You can access your child's curriculum newsletter for this term on our website by visiting their [class page](#). This may help you when accessing some activities for your child from sites such as <https://www.thenational.academy>.

We will be monitoring absences rates in individual classes. If there is a significant spike in absences in a class we may start to use Google Classroom to post activities for children who are at home. In this instance we will let you know via a text and/or letter that this work is available.

### **What will happen if you have to close my child's bubble?**

If this happens, we will be providing learning online via Google Classrooms, just as we did during the lockdown period earlier this year. We will send you a more detailed letter about this soon.

While we will all do everything we can to avoid the spread of Covid 19, we are working on the assumption that we will be asked to close a bubble/s at some stage. This has happened already at some local Haringey schools.

### **Can I put my child on the waiting list for breakfast club?**

The Infant School breakfast club started this week. We thank you for your patience in the delayed start of this service. We have had to stretch resources across two sites, and ensure we are complying with Covid guidance.

You are more than welcome to put your child down on our waiting lists for the Junior School, and Infant School, breakfast clubs. Please do so by emailing [admin@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk)

### **When will after school clubs start?**

We will be offering some sports clubs, and some other clubs, in both the Infant and Junior School, very soon. These will be open to children from one year group bubble. They will run for approximately an hour after school. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to offer as many as we have previously. You will receive a letter soon inviting you to apply for a place.

We are still planning our extended after school club care, which we anticipate will provide care until 6pm. We are still working towards a start date after the October half term holiday. We will update you soon.

### **I am a key worker; can you assist me with before and after school care?**

If you work for the NHS, or in education, we would like to prioritise you for a place at our breakfast and after school clubs. Please indicate you are in this category when you apply for a place. We may need to see proof of your employment, if we have not already done so previously.

**Is there any update on possible traffic calming support from Haringey?**

We have written to Haringey on more than occasion since we have returned to school about this issue. We have expressed the urgency of the problem on Pemberton Road. We are yet to receive any firm undertaking to provide possible solutions. It might be helpful if concerned parents/carers wrote to them directly as well. You can send emails to Ann Cunningham, Head of Highways and Parking ([ann.cunningham@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:ann.cunningham@haringey.gov.uk))

Yours Sincerely,



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