



5TH FEBRUARY 2021
SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of everyone at Heathfield I wanted to reiterate our thanks to you for your understanding this term as the country was once again placed into lockdown. Before requesting a school place this term, I appreciate the conversations you have had as families so that, as was the intention, we were able to reduce the number of contacts, and therefore, reduce the risk of transmission in the school community.

I know all our staff have been working very hard to ensure a quality remote learning offer is available and we have received some very impressive work from the children. It is imperative that you support your child to engage in our home-learning offer but please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher through the class email address should you require any support. However, I do appreciate how tough it is as a parent juggling many responsibilities and working with your child(ren) with their home-learning – thank you.

I am sure that you have heard the Prime Minister's suggestion that schools will not fully reopen to increasing numbers before 8th March. Please do not interpret this as a firm commitment that school will fully reopen from this date as there will be many factors to consider such as the local R rate, hospital admissions and cases in the community. We have been reassured that we will all receive at least 2 week's notice of any changes to the present arrangements.

Unlike the previous lockdown that started in March, the DFE have confirmed that schools are not expected to remain open during the school holidays. Therefore, Heathfield will shut for the half term break on Friday 12th February and reopen on Monday 22nd February to children of critical workers and those identified as being vulnerable.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require support, advice or guidance.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Fullwood
Executive Head Teacher



Half Term: We break up for one week's holiday on Friday 12th Feb. School will reopen to children of critical workers and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February.

No one in the office: On the afternoon of Friday 12th of Feb there will be nobody in the reception area as we are having a system upgrade. Please ring the afterschool club bell, on the reception inner door, for attention or call school on 0115 9155725.



Dress to Express: Thanks to all the staff and pupils who 'Dressed to Express' for children's mental health week. We are passionate about supporting the wellbeing of our school community and really appreciate your support in highlighting such an important cause. If you would like to know more about the schools' approach to supporting well-being, please visit the Well-being section of the school website using the QR code.



PARENT LITE APP: As a school, we always need to ensure that your contact details and your child/children's information is up to date and accurate should we need to contact you for any reason. To support this we have a new convenient way for you to **access, review and request changes** to the data held on you and your children.

An activation email for you to access this new parent app at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC will be sent out next week. **Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact your school if you require a replacement after this date.** If you have not received this please contact the school office so that we can check we have your correct email address on our system.

Getting started with the SIMS Parent Lite App

1. We will send you an activation email to the email address we have on record for you, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account
2. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent Lite**
4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk



Home Learning through Microsoft Teams: A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped their children login to Microsoft Teams. The Teachers continue to improve their skills with preparing the learning on Teams and I hope you can appreciate what a big job this has been whilst they also continue to teach those children who are in school.

The Government expects schools to provide 3 hours for KS1 children and 4 hours for KS2 children each day. We believe there is more than enough being offered to you but you must ensure that you are doing what is manageable as we appreciate that some families are also working from home or continuing to go out to work. Do what you can but there is no expectation that you set up a classroom and become an unpaid teacher for the next few weeks.

In case you missed it, here is a link to our acceptable use policy for children when using Teams
<https://bit.ly/3nKofBJ>

As always if you need any help please contact the class email address in the first instance. The office may not be able to answer specific questions related to the learning so the teacher is the best person to contact.

Seahorses@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Dolphins@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Badgers@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Foxes@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Hares@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk

Parrots@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Toucans@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Flamingos@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Lions@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
Tigers@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk
[Jaguars@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto>Jaguars@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk)



Teachers responding to communication: Please can I ask that parents/carers **respect the working hours of our teachers – they are available from 8:30am to 4pm** and will not be responding to any Teams messages or emails beyond these times. They are incredibly busy, whether in or out of school, and need time to complete their planning, resourcing and assessment as well as to be able to have their family time too.

Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club: This club on a Friday afternoon remains in place for key worker children only. No remote learning will be delivered by teachers on a Friday afternoon. This is a time for the children to take daily exercise, catch up with learning they may have missed across the week or to get better at a skill or hobby that they may have. The office will make contact each week to determine who requires the place in the club for those already in school.





Rainbow Reading: Even though school is quite different at the moment, Rainbow Reading is still continuing. Reading for 10 minutes a day is still one of the best things children could be doing at home. Please keep filling in your child's card every time you hear them read. If you need a new card, you can either record what they read on a separate piece of paper or a word document. Alternatively, contact your child's class teacher who should be able to send you out a digital copy of the card you need.

Information from the NHS about Test & Trace:

Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus

You can have a swab test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) now.

Who can get a free test

You can only get a free NHS test if at least one of the following applies.



- you have a high temperature
- you have a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed
- you've been asked to get a test by a local council
- you're taking part in a government pilot project
- you've been asked to get a test to confirm a positive result
- You can also get a test for someone you live with if they have symptoms.

If you're going into hospital

You may need to get tested if you're due to have surgery or a procedure.

The hospital will arrange this for you. Contact your hospital department if you have any questions.

Who cannot get a free test

You cannot use this service to get a test if:

- you've come to the UK from a high-risk country
- you're planning to leave the country
- your employer or school has asked you to get a test but you have no symptoms

You can pay for a private test.

When to get a test

If you have symptoms, get a test as soon as possible.

Book a visit to a test site to have the test today. Test sites are open 7 days a week. Order a home test kit if you cannot get to a test site.

You need to get the test done in the first 8 days of having symptoms.

On days 1 to 7, you can get tested at a site or at home. If you're ordering a home test kit on day 7, do it by 3pm.

On day 8, you need to go to a test site - it's too late to order a home test kit