

# Grasmere Primary School

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## Weekly Letter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you again for such brilliant support. I know the school bombards you with such a lot of information at times and I apologise if you feel it is a lot to take in. It is. The school wants to be open and honest about the steps it is taking to ensure school remains a healthy and happy setting for your child and takes the stance that too much is probably better than not enough. Please do try to find time to read it all and if you feel we are missing anything, let us know!

As we pass the half way point to this half term it is time to reflect on some of the successes and difficulties so far. Drop off and pickups are now operating like a well-oiled machine [by and large!]. Virtual music and star assembly are really engaging and the widespread use of the new creative arts room has been inspiring. Further up the school, the new lap tops are enhancing lesson content and generally the curriculum offer is strong, with lots of catch up interventions in place for children who need it. However, this is against a national and local back drop that is still fast moving and uncertain. I want to reassure you that even within discussions of a possible second national lockdown, there is no talk of schools closing. It is still recognised as vital that children must be at school consistently and only have home learning when they or their family member has to self- isolate or if their bubble closes. The period of absence therefore will almost certainly never be longer than 14 days. Please read our home learning offer that caters for these scenarios [here](#).

### **Hackney COVID Test centres**

If you require access to a test centre as you or your child is displaying a COVID symptom, the following centres are open, but you must book an appointment:

1. Bentley Road, Bentley Road car park, Dalston, N1 4DB. 8am - 8pm, seven days a week.
2. Stamford Hill, Yesodey Hatorah School, Egerton Road, N16 6UB. 10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: 1, 18 and 25 October.

Alternatively you can book a test online [here](#).

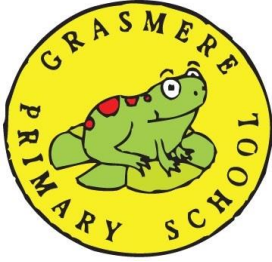


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## Teacher/ Parent meetings

We have been busy planning socially distanced face to face parent teacher meetings for before half term and were going to release details on how to book and the protocols involved. However, Hackney Education yesterday released guidance that advises against face to face meetings but instead to hold meetings virtually. As a result the school will send out guidance on how to book and access meetings via zoom. The meetings will take place on the last week of this half term [week of 19<sup>th</sup> October]

## After school provision update

Please be reminded that the school is now offering a number of clubs after school including cricket on Tuesdays for Years 5 and 6 (Please email the office for more details and to book your child on) and Kids with Brains on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Years 3 and 4 (for more information please click on <https://www.grasmere.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Autumn-term-2020-at-Grasmere-Thursdays-Y3Y4.pdf>).

Fit for Sport are fully back up and running with numbers increasing all the time. Details of their offer can be found [here](#).

## Keeping staff safe

It is vital that the staff keeps healthy and well to ensure the best possible provision for your child. They are doing their best by looking after themselves and each other and are thankful for the kind words and support many of you have offered. It really means the world when staff hear how much they are appreciated. Please also help them to stay well by:

- Ensuring you remain socially distant [2m] from them when you talk to them
- Do not enter the school building unsupervised
- Take appropriate action when you or your child are displaying a COVID symptom

Thank you. Please get in touch with the school with any questions, queries, ideas or requests for support.

Kind regards,

Nick



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