



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

I don't know about you, but I wish it would stop raining now. I really feel like some better weather would make everything feel just that little bit better don't you? Funnily enough – the sun has come out today, and already people are smiling more 😊

There has been some good news in Lewisham this week, in that the rates of Covid do seem to be coming down. This week there have been 289 cases per 100,000, at the start of January it was over 1000 per 100,000. It shows that what we have been doing is working – we must continue to make sure that we are doing what we should be doing, as hard as it can be at times, it really is making a difference.

We will continue to watch the news for information about when it will be safe for children to return to schools. We believe that the government are making an announcement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February about the possible return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will let you know as soon as we can about what can happen – if indeed anything can happen. It is the 'not knowing' that makes everything so much harder, I find – don't you?

On a much more positive note: thank you so much to all of you who joined in with The Haseltine Winter Olympics last week. Some of you are not only great sports people, but also amazing presenters & reporters. Fantastic work all of you. Thank you also to Mr. Small who persevered throughout – even with a dislocated shoulder, what a hero 😊

I have also been fortunate to see some bits of Zoom teaching as I walk around the school. Your children are incredible! The way that they engage with the learning and stay focused throughout is brilliant to watch. Their learning behaviours are really, really good – and it can't be easy for them.

Unfortunately though, there are times when some children do not behave as they should do online. The Winter Olympics Padlet, for example, had to be taken down over last weekend because someone posted inappropriate comments on it, and some teachers have experienced children posting inappropriate comments on the chat on the Zoom lessons. This is totally not acceptable and so, attached with the email that this newsletter has come to you through, is 3 home-school agreements for you to look at with your child(ren):

- The School's agreement to you (there are some added comments about lockdown)
- Your agreement to us as a parent of Haseltine (there is an appendix added with protocols around remote learning)
- Your child's agreement to us as a pupil of Haseltine (there is an appendix added with protocols around remote learning)

Thank you to all of you for taking the time to do this, and for keeping an eye on how your children are behaving online.

Teachers are also reporting that they are receiving emails from parents & children at the weekends & in the evenings (and sometimes, even late at night). Please can we all respect their home/work life balance & restrict this contact for between the normal school hours. We have a policy here at Haseltine that staff



members do not email each other out of hours – it is important to me, as a headteacher, that everyone gets the break they deserve.

As always, if you wish to ask me any questions or talk to me about anything, please email me at [headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk) (I promise that I will return your emails during the normal school hours ☺)

Best wishes to you and all your families, I hope that you are keeping well,  
Sara Anderman

### **Remote Learning Provision Survey**

We would really appreciate it if you could complete our survey on the learning that Haseltine is providing for your child whilst they are working at home during this current lockdown. You can do it with your child if you like, it should only take a couple of minutes. Please click on the following link, thank you so much.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QS63JH2>

There is also a document on the homepage of our website that tells you all about the Remote Learning Provision at Haseltine.

### **Anti-Racist Action Group Parent Forum**

Our next discussion session will be next Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> February, at 4pm. This is an ‘over to you’ type session, because what I really would like from you is for you to share your views with us, or ask questions, over the following two issues:

1. **The Anti-Racism Policy** that I sent out to you a couple of weeks ago
2. **Behaviour at Haseltine**; I want us to look how to ensure the best behaviour from all our children in order to prepare them for life, and for secondary school in particular. The statistics for black, male teenagers being excluded from secondary schools are alarming, and I want to look at, whether what we are doing at Haseltine is doing anything towards counter-acting these statistics. I would love your views on this, and also your experiences – so if you had a tricky time of it at secondary school, or primary, and can see a way of helping us to help all our children and our young, black, boys in particular, I would really love it if you could come along to this session. Don’t worry, you can be honest with us, and anything you speak about will be treated without judgement and with confidentiality.

The invitation link is:

Topic: Anti-Racist Action Group Parent Forum

Time: Feb 9, 2021 04:00 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83943731060?pwd=WGpyZDJCYXhIYmRLa000Ly93S2xxZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 4373 1060

Passcode: q53frA

Thank you, I really hope to see you there.



### **Closure of The Bridge Leisure Centre**

I have been speaking with some parents & staff about the closure of The Bridge. This would be incredibly sad for our area and also for the school, as we use it for our swimming lessons and sports day.

Mr. Small sent me a link to the petition that you can sign:

[https://www.change.org/p/lewisham-borough-council-save-the-bridge-leisure-centre-in-lower-sydenham?recruiter=27603086&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_campaign=psf\\_combo\\_share\\_initial&recruited\\_by\\_id=7a508880-d566-012f-6b03-4040acce234c](https://www.change.org/p/lewisham-borough-council-save-the-bridge-leisure-centre-in-lower-sydenham?recruiter=27603086&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&recruited_by_id=7a508880-d566-012f-6b03-4040acce234c)



### **Trees & the roof:**

Two exciting changes that you will see when you eventually return to Haseltine will be:

- New trees planted near the main gate and along Haseltine Road – 11 trees are being planted next week I believe
- The builders are just finishing off the work to the roof and everything – including the scaffolding, should be gone by the end of next week. We have a new skylight outside 6P and 6F too which is so, so exciting – it has created so much natural light in that corridor

You might want to walk that way one day in a couple of weeks' time to see what changes you can see.



### **School Streets:**

As you know, Haseltine Road will be closed to traffic during drop off and pick up times soon – we aren't sure of the actual date yet. This poster will be going up very soon (if it isn't already) ...

A teal poster for the School Streets Programme. The text is white and reads: "School Streets Programme", "This street is due to become a School Street, as a trial.", "Over the coming weeks we will be installing equipment and signs to support the timed closure.", "We will write to all residents before any enforcement of the school street commences.", "Lamp post notices will also be put up to advise the start date of the scheme.", "For more info/updates and to give your opinion on the scheme, please visit [www.lewisham.gov.uk/schoolstreets](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/schoolstreets) or email [schoolstreets@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@lewisham.gov.uk)". There is a Lewisham logo in the bottom right corner.

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### **Parent/Teacher Meetings:**

We will be having our next Parent/Teacher Meetings in the second week after half term on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Moira Dunn will be in touch with you next week so you can book your times, we will be using the same format as we did last time – School Cloud. You will have 10 minutes with your child's teacher and it will be a video call, as last time.

The times available will be between 10am and 12pm and then 1pm to 6pm. On this day, there will be no Zoom lessons for your children, instead we will be focusing all our learning on SDG 13 – Climate Change. I



will start the day with an assembly and then there will be various activities for your children to do; I will send you all the link to this learning which will be on Padlet nearer the time.

**Half Term:**

**Don't forget that the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February is half term week. The school is closed for all and there will no Zoom or Padlet learning. All staff will be on holiday too. Remote learning & school for Key Workers and vulnerable children will start again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**Have a really lovely weekend everyone.  
Take care and stay safe. I am thinking of you all.  
Sara Anderman**