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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you are all well and feel that the gradual rise in temperature, as well as the sight of tulips and other flowers beginning to poke through the soil, is a sign that change is around the corner.

I want to start this week by saying a massive thank you for the messages of support and gratitude many of you left on the 'thank a teacher' website. I am blessed with a super-committed team here at Brampton and their dedication to the care and wellbeing of all children is extraordinary.

### **Raising Concerns with Teachers**

With the restrictions we are currently under, face to face conversations are a challenge, especially at the gates in the morning and afternoon. If you wish to raise a concern or want to update your child's class teacher and the conversation will take more than a few moments, please use the school email, [info@brampton.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brampton.newham.sch.uk), and they will contact you. Alternatively, speak with the senior member of staff on the gate who can then pass on a message.

If you do approach a teacher about a concern, please ensure you do it in a courteous and respectful manner.

### **Visiting the Loo**

Most children have adjusted to school routines quickly, but we have become aware that some children are better equipped than others when it comes to managing their toilet needs. This can lead to children having 'accidents' and becoming anxious because they have not realised that they needed to visit the loo. Some also become worried about asking their class teacher when they need to go. While we are doing our best to maximise learning time and therefore encourage children to use their breaks and lunchtimes, we recognise that some children might need the loo at other times.

To support children in managing their needs, please remind your child to visit the loo before they come to school, and to ask their teacher if they really need to go. Teachers might ask them why they need to go if they have only just been, but if it is really necessary, teachers will always let children go during lessons.

### **Autism Awareness Week**

Next week is World Autism Awareness Week and the school will be dedicating assemblies to educating children about autism and celebrating diversity. At Brampton, we have a number of children who have autism and we are proud of the way they tackle life's challenges, and of the richness they add to the fabric of our school. If you want to know more about autism, and the wide variety of fund raising events being held next week, look here: [National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](http://NationalAutisticSociety.org.uk)

### **The Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme**



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Parents or guardians who are not legally required to self-isolate can now apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment if they need to take time off work to care for a child or young person who is.

Applicants must meet all the criteria below:

- be the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate (limited to one parent or guardian per household)
- be employed or self-employed
- cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- **meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment**
- their child or young person:
  - is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan) and normally attend an education or childcare setting has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Claims made by parents and guardians can be made up to six weeks (42 days) after the child or young person's first day of self-isolation.

For the full details and list of eligibility, see the following link:

<https://brampton.newham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Test-and-Trace-Support-Payment-Scheme.pdf>

### **West End in Schools**

In celebration of reading, we have hired West End in Schools to deliver high quality, inspirational workshops to every class in school. The sessions began this week for a number of children, and will continue into next week. They have been a huge success, with pupils and teachers saying how much fun they were. The children were very active throughout the performances, either mimicking movements from The Gingerbread Man or pretending to be one of the animal characters from the story, The Jungle Book. The Year 1 corridor was filled with shrieks, thrills and laughter! The professional choreographer was really impressed by the children's full participation and engagement throughout the sessions and complimented our children on their fantastic behaviour.

### **Easter activities**

As they do every school holiday, the local authority has produced a superb guide to highlight the range of fun activities for families and young people to enjoy over Easter. Follow the link below to explore and find something for you and your children to get stuck into.

[easter-holiday-programme-update \(newham.gov.uk\)](https://www.newham.gov.uk/easter-holiday-programme-update)

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend.



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