

Dear Parents,

As another exciting week at Edison comes to a close, please see below important dates and reminders for the coming week.

Flu Vaccinations Catch Up Clinic

Please see attached document from the Immunisation Team in Hounslow.

Edison Christmas Productions 2021

Our school has made the decision to present our children's Christmas productions virtually this year.

We have not taken this decision lightly, and this precaution is due to the current COVID-19 situation, the current high levels of absence and the wish to safeguard our children, parents and staff from having to attend too many mass gatherings, particularly at this time of year.

Unfortunately, we are now not able to live stream these due to the poor quality, but will be recording them instead. We will be sending a link to parents on 15 December, this date will be confirmed next week.

We have a very exciting range of productions this year.

These will be:

Year 2: 'Christmas with the Aliens' Tuesday 7 December

Year 1: 'Sugar Plum' Wednesday 8 December

Year 3: 'Higgledy Piggledy' Thursday 9 December

Year 5: 'Christmas is Forever' Friday 10 December

Reception: 'The Nativity' Monday 13 December

Year 4: 'When Sasha got Swept up the Chimney' Tuesday 14 December

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Christmas Lunch

The children will have their Christmas lunch on **Friday 17th December**, which is also the last day of term.

The children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers/home clothes on this day too.

Please see the attached Christmas lunch menu.

If you would like your child to have the Christmas lunch please kindly book this in advance via Scopay as soon as you can, so that we can give the kitchen the exact numbers required ahead of time.

Edison Twitter Account

We are delighted to inform you that we now have an Edison Twitter account.

Do follow us @Edison_Primary for regular updates and information.

Club/Dinner Payments

Could we kindly request you to top up your child's dinner accounts if you pay for them.

Also please kindly clear any outstanding balances on Scopay for any clubs they are attending and ensure that these accounts are regularly topped up.

Pupil Vacancies at Edison Primary

We currently have spaces for children in Years 1, 3 & 4.

If you know somebody who is looking for a school place for their child in any of the above year groups, and they would like to apply to Edison Primary School, please ask them to contact London Borough of Hounslow School Admissions by visiting: [In-year admissions | London Borough of Hounslow](#) or by emailing: admissions@hounslow.gov.uk or telephoning: 020 8583 2721 / 2711

We look forward to welcoming them to Edison Primary School!

Polite Reminders Parking

We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents that have been very mindful to the local residents when parking.

Please can we urge you all to continue to support the school and be aware of not blocking local residents driveways and double parking.

School Uniform

May we kindly remind you to label all your child's belongings such as uniform (including socks, shoes, jumper, coat and tie), P.E kit (including socks and plimsolls), book bags and water bottles. ANY ITEM THAT BELONGS TO YOUR CHILD MUST BE LABELLED.

We appreciate your support with this greatly!

Birthday Treats at Edison

We would like to remind you that **NO** sugary/sweet treats are allowed!

If you would like to provide a treat for your child's birthday, can you please send in either fruit or books for the class/library.

Please check with the school office if you are unsure of what to send in.

We appreciate your support with this greatly!

COVID-19 Update

As you may already be aware the Government recently announced the re-introduction of mandatory face covering in shops and on public transport.

This is due to the growing concern about the rise in cases of the new COVID -19 variant Omicron.

We have since updated our risk assessment and would like to implement the following, to help prevent the spread any further, we **highly recommend** that

All parents and carers should wear face masks whilst onsite, when dropping and picking up their child/children from school.

Where possible can we request that only one parent to drop and pick up their child/children.

Mass gatherings at the school will not take place at present.

Please continue to maintain a safe distance in overcrowded areas and swiftly leave the school site.

Remote meetings will continue via zoom for parents that would like to speak to the class teacher. Alternatively contact the class teacher via Seesaw.

Parents and carers should limit their visit to the school office. Please kindly email or call the office with any queries or concerns.

Please see the below government guidance that as been updated recently in light of this new COVID-19 variant.

Get tested and self-isolate if required

If you or you child develop symptoms or test positive

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test, even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

You should self-isolate at home while you get a PCR test and wait for the results. You must self-isolate if you test positive. You must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days, or from the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms and the next 10 full days. This is the law, regardless of whether you have been vaccinated. Self-isolating is important because you could pass the infection on to others, even if you do not have symptoms. You must stay at home for the full amount of time you are told to, because this is the period when the virus is most likely to be passed on to others.

If you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

You must also self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

Self-isolation exemptions

In most cases, you're not required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated
- you're below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- you've taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, if you live in the same household as someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, or are a close contact of someone with a suspected or confirmed case of the **Omicron variant**, you will be required to self-isolate regardless of your age or vaccination status. NHS Test and Trace will contact you if this is the case.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you're not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

You can find further guidance for household contacts and guidance for non-household contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19 infections.

Let's all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 any further.

Please continue to keep your families and friends safe.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Wet Collection End of Day Procedure

Please note that on days that it is raining, collect your child from the same area as the morning drop off.

ONLY the Year 4 children will need to be collected from the Science room doors leading into the playground, you will be able to access this from the main pupil entrance.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Dokal

Please find attached this week's hot chocolate picture with the children from Reception to Year 5.

Picture News

Please find attached Picture News to share at home with your child.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind regards,

Edison Team