

Governor Workshop for Class Reps

Tuesday 5 May, 7-8pm

Dear all,

We hope you are keeping well.

In this difficult time, we would like to provide an opportunity for parents to ask governors questions about the school and its current provision. We will be holding a governor workshop for class reps via Zoom next **Tuesday 5 May from 7-8 pm**, and would be very grateful if you could attend on behalf of your class.

Copied below are brief answers to a few key questions we'll aim to discuss at the beginning of the meeting. If possible, could you please ask parents to supply any other questions to you, and forward a list on to us, by **Monday evening** (at governors@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk) so that we can try to answer as many as we can. We'll also build in time for a Q&A at the end of the workshop to discuss any additional questions that may arise.

A short agenda and Zoom link will be circulated beforehand, and minutes will be posted on the school website following the meeting.

Many thanks,

Holy Trinity School Governing Body

Staff Wellbeing

Our priority as a governing body is to support the school and its staff during the current crisis, as well as to ensure the wellbeing of all children. We are currently operating Holy Trinity with dramatically reduced staffing numbers, with many staff members affected directly and indirectly by Covid-19. Please be assured that the school is doing all that it can to support as many pupils as it can. We would ask parents to bear with us, and to support staff by communicating where prompted, or only with urgent questions where possible.

Current Provision

The school is pleased and proud to be able to support on-site the most vulnerable of our school population, including the children of those of you who are key workers. The school's current policy regarding places is available on the school website. If you feel you need additional support from the school during this time, please contact the office. If you know of anyone who might need additional support, please encourage them to contact the office directly.

Online Learning

Our home learning portal and associated links can be accessed via the school website. In the first instance, the school needs to focus its efforts supporting the children of key workers, vulnerable children and those children with SEN. However, staff are providing as much information and learning resources as they are able to. At this moment, there is no possibility to provide a formal online learning programme. The school is of course reviewing the provision regularly and will update parents of any significant changes.

Communication

In this challenging time, we would ask parents to contact the school only where absolutely necessary. If you have questions about the current provision, or would like additional help for your child, please email the school office directly. If you have questions about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher directly. The school will try to respond to emails if possible, but please bear in mind that the school is operating with a severely reduced staff and is unable to provide a bespoke service at this time.

Governor Roles

Information on the roles and responsibilities of the governing body can be found here:

<https://www.holytrinityceschool.org/governors>

Government Guidance

For reference, the latest government guidance for schools, which Holy Trinity's policies are based on, is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>