

# Torriano Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome Back!

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. A warm welcome to all of our families, old and new. The staff have been busy preparing for the start of term **tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, and our EYFS staff are looking forward to settling in our new nursery and reception children over the next two weeks.

This letter contains important information regarding arrangements for the start of term, the school's key themes and priorities and important dates for your diary. I hope this supports a smooth start to the term for all.

## Summer Works and Access Arrangements

We are very excited that the STEAM Lab development is underway and is due for completion by December 2017. This is a significant building project which impacts on access to the school site and use of the Junior building. The changes below have been planned carefully by the school, Camden Building Control and the contractors Bolt and Heeks to ensure the safety of our children, families and staff during this period:

1. The construction site includes the **left stairwell of the Junior building** and the **front left playground area**. This zone has been secured by Harris fencing and internal fire doors. The right stairwell of the Junior building will be used for access to the playground from the top floor. Please see changes to lining up arrangements at the start and end of the school day on the **diagram attached to this letter**.
  - i. Upper floor classes will line up in the front right playground area
  - ii. Lower floor classes will line up in the back playground.
  - iii. If your child cycles to school, the bike storage area has been moved to the right side of the junior building.
2. To accommodate for these changes fire evacuation procedures have been reviewed in consultation with the Camden Fire and Safety Team. Both stairwells will be in use in the event of a fire. All staff and children will practice this procedure this week.
3. Access for the **Junior building** will be via the **main gate entrance** and the **pitch gate entrance will be opened** for the use of **KS1 and EYFS parents**. The **EYFS entrance** will be open as usual for **Nursery and Reception parents**.

**Areas of restricted access:**

  - The Junior pitch gate is closed and access to the pitch for all activities is via KS1 pitch gate.
  - The Cloud Kingdom and Earth Kingdom playgrounds will be closed after school to accommodate for deliveries and heavy construction work.

Staff will be available in the **morning with signs** should you need any help. We appreciate your patience and support during this time. Please see the newsletter with the contractor's information regarding this project attached to this letter. We are all very excited about the learning opportunities the children will enjoy as a result of this new provision and we will provide you with regular updates on the progress of the project.





# A Time to Talk; a Time to Change

This year, Torriano will continue to place **oracy** and global citizenship at the heart of our pedagogy and curriculum. We will be promoting the **right to be heard** and focusing on developing children's communication and speaking skills. Through our whole school theme: **'A Time to Talk; A Time Change'** we continue to learn about the **17 Global Goals** which aim to end extreme poverty, fight inequalities and fix climate change. Our aim is for our children to develop **learner competencies** set out in our new **values framework**. This focuses on exploring **who we are**; how **we learn independently**; how **we learn collectively** and encourages **everyone to be a changemaker**. To support this, we have many exciting events planned this term including our annual **Careers' Week and the World's Largest Lesson 2017**.



## School Priorities

All families were emailed a copy of the Self-Evaluation Newsletter and school performance data at the end of the Summer Term (website link). We continue to set high expectations in learning for all our pupils and have identified **school priorities for 2017-18**.

Our key objectives are:

1. To develop a whole school culture of **oracy** through promoting a deep understanding of the core pedagogies and best practice in oracy teaching and learning.
2. To continue to embed a **mastery curriculum in Mathematics** to ensure deeper understanding and progress for all learners.
3. To embed rigorous approaches to formative assessment, peer and self-assessment to **ensure good progress for all learners in writing**.

This year the school continues to lead research groups in mathematics and will be supporting other London schools to develop the **maths mastery approach**. We have also been successful in our bid to lead the Camden Oracy Hub and will be working in partnership to promote and develop the teaching of oracy in our school and across Camden.

## Who's Who

We aim to continue our close partnership with parents and are pleased to share our **Senior Leadership Team**. You will have the opportunity to meet the team at the beginning of the school day and **during SLT coffee mornings this term**.

- Miss Helen Bruckdorfer: Headteacher
- Miss Michelle Rae: Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion)
- Mrs Claire Trehwella : Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)
- Mrs Eleanor Fagan: Assistant Headteacher (EYFS and English Leader)
- Miss Holly Churchill (Key Stage 1 Leader)
- Mr Justin Bioletti: (Digital Learning and MFL Leader)
- Mrs Rose O'Brien: (Rights Respecting School, PSHE and the Healthy School Programme Leader)
- Mr Conor Loughney ( Maths Leader)

It has been a pleasure to welcome the new **Torriano Team 2017-18**. Please make our new staff welcome; they are keen to get to know you and the community.

**Welcome to our new members of staff!**

				
<b>Tom Young</b>	<b>Sorrel Meechan</b>	<b>Naomi Cave</b>	<b>Alice Kennedy</b>	<b>Sarah Lewis</b>
Reception	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5





## Curriculum Meetings

Your child's teacher will be inviting you to a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting to discuss the curriculum and year group expectations. This is great opportunity for you to meet the whole year group team, ask questions and find out about all aspects of school life. The staff will also be introducing the new values and learner competencies framework.

Meeting take place on the following days @ 3.45pm:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**                      **Year 1 & Year 2**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**                      **Year 3 & Year 4**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**                      **Year 5 & Year 6**

## School Meals

We would like parents and carers to use our **Parentpay service**. This service allows you to pay for your child's school meals, trips and afterschool clubs online. If you haven't signed up for this free service please go to the reception area and ask a member of the office team to be issued with new account details. The office accepts card payments. Further information regarding **eligibility for Free School Meals will follow**.

## Afterschool Clubs

I know most of you will be eager to find out about the after school provision. You will receive application letters on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Club placements for all year groups will be issued on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** and clubs will commence from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. A full timetable will be displayed on the Parent/Carer notice boards outside the school office, KS1 playground and will also be available on the school website.

## Pupil Attendance and dress code

We continue to work closely with the Education Welfare Service in Camden to improve pupil attendance. We are advised by Camden not to **grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are exceptional circumstances. **The school did not reach our target to achieve 96% in 2016-17. We achieved 95.5% which is below the Camden average.** Although most children have made significant improvements in their attendance, **the impact of increased number of unauthorised absences such as holidays during time has resulted in lower attendance overall.** This will be a key area for improvement for the school and further information on attendance expectations and procedures will be shared in the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

May I remind you that children are not allowed to wear jewellery and only appropriate earrings with studs are permitted. We expect children to be dressed comfortably and be ready for learning. Please note that extreme hairstyles will not be allowed i.e. tramlines, colouring. Children with long hair will be expected to have their hair tied back and please avoid elaborate hair accessories. Painted nails are also not permitted.



We look forward to our first community event on **29<sup>th</sup> September** when will be welcoming new families at the PTA's Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Please put this date in your diary. Key dates will be published on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. As always the school will strive to offer purposeful, inspiring learning experiences for our children. We look forward to your continued support in raising the achievement of all our children. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to us or **Maria Lewis our Community and Leadership Support Assistant.**



Yours sincerely,

**Helen Bruckdorfer**  
Headteacher



# Key Stage Access Location Map

