

Greenslade Primary School
21st July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you for all for your support over what has been the most challenging of times for all of us at Greenslade and, I know, for our families. Our school has been so strange without all of our children with us and it has seemed as though we were not "complete". It was lovely to see as many of you as we did last Friday. It felt like the very first step to getting back to "normal".

In September all of our classes will return and it will be wonderful to have everyone back. I am currently writing our Risk Assessment and I will share the details of this plan with you over the summer.

In the mean time I want to share with you some vital information that I believe you need to know as soon as possible to help you with your plans to return. You will all be receiving transition books before the end of this week by email to help with this process. Children begin to return on Monday 7th September.

The first change I am planning is to alter our INSET / Training Days next year. Our staff will be using the two normal training days on 3rd and 4th September to work through the Risk Assessments and Health and Safety arrangements that are required to welcome back all of our children.

I want staff to also have two days to focus on implementing the brand new curriculum we have to introduce next year and to reinforce the principles of our Teaching and Learning Policy. **I therefore intend to close the school to children on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September** to allow us to enable our children to benefit from the highest quality education and set of learning experiences over the year.

Schools across Greenwich have been discussing the option of "frontloading" the training at the start of the year to give our children the opportunity to benefit from the highest quality teaching as the year goes on. Schools have been taking legal advice as to whether this means we have these days as additional training days or we change our days later in the year. I will inform you of the outcome of this process as the year progresses.

Below is a list of other changes that you will need to be aware of to help you prepare for September. There will be significant changes to the way we operate but these are the "headlines"

- From September 7th 2020 all of our classes begin to return to school.
- Attendance at school becomes compulsory again in September 2020.
- There will be a staggered start to the day with different classes arriving at different times, between 8:45 and 9:30.
- There will be a staggered end to the day with different classes leaving school at different times, between 3pm and 3:45pm. Nursery will finish at 12 noon. Classes will be advised of their times before the start of September.

- We will use all four gates to reduce the “gathering” of people outside the school. Each class will be allocated a gate.
- Parents and Carers will not be allowed to come onto the premises without a prearranged appointment.
- Children will be required to wear school uniform.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch as we will not be cooking on the premises. Families receiving Free School Meals and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who automatically receive Universal Free School Meals will be given supermarket vouchers to enable them to purchase their meals.
- Classes will become “bubbles” with restricted mixing and overlap of people between the bubbles.
- Staircases and corridors (as much as possible) will be one way.
- Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered to reduce the amount of contact between children.
- The playground will be segregated to reduce the amount of contact between children.
- No resources will be used at lunchtime to reduce need to clean equipment.
- We have enhanced the amount of cleaning across the school and additional hours have been allocated to ensure the school is constantly cleaned and kept as hygienic as possible.
- PPE and resources have been purchased to allow the safe application of First Aid and nappy changing as required.
- Children from different bubbles will need to share the same bathroom. These facilities will be supervised and cleaned as regularly as possible.
- **Social distancing for all of our children and particularly our younger children will be very difficult to enforce or guarantee at any time. We will work toward children “social distancing” as much as possible but we will be less able to ensure this in the playground compared to the more formal classroom setting.**
- Members of the SLT will be outside to supervise at break times and at the start and end of the day.
- All resources and areas will be isolated so that a limited number of people use them. They will be cleaned at the end of each session and throughout the day as frequently as possible. In Key Stage 1 and 2, each child will have their own individual set of resources.
- A programme of regular hand hygiene will be organised, communicated and shared. Required resources will be in place.
- Children will be constantly trained to ensure they understand how they need to respond if they cough or sneeze.

I am sorry to bombard you with this information now but want you to have as much information as possible.

I thank you again for all your support this year.
Have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

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