



Greenway Primary
& Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed Greenway Summer Camp

We are continuing to work on the possibility of providing a chargeable summer activities camp (offering sports and arts & crafts) at Greenway to support you with childcare over some of the forthcoming summer holiday period. We acknowledge that such a resource is not readily available elsewhere this year and are anxious to see if we can try and support Greenway families with this, acknowledging that many of you are trying to work from home and that some of you are also concerned that your children having been missing out on interaction with their peers.

I am grateful to all of you who have completed the expression of interest questionnaire that was circulated at the end of last week – we have had a very positive response and are now in the process of analysing these returns to ascertain whether or not the camp will be financially viable, as well as being safe and fun.

In summary, most of you have sought 3 days cover as opposed to 5 days across the 4 weeks proposed. In broad terms over the proposed 4-week period around half of each year group has sought cover at some point save for Reception who have registered a greater expression of interest. Again, in broad terms, there is currently greater interest in Weeks 1-3 than in Week 4.

Whilst we had initially thought that we would be arranging bubbles in three Age Groups our analysis of your responses shows that we could in fact be arranging the bubbles into Key Stage bubbles ie

Age Group 1 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Age Group 2 - Years 3 – 6

A number of you have indicated that you *might be* interested in additional provision at some stage over the proposed month – ‘Maybe’ was an option on the expression of interest questionnaire although we had asked you to confirm your interest with Yes or No *if at all possible*. Whilst we recognise that some of you may be unsure of your own situation in the coming weeks, having looked at the numbers, we now need to press you to make a decision as to whether or not you wish to take up the offer to enable us to determine whether or not the proposed camp will be financially viable.

I have set out below a table showing the number of spaces that we believe we have in each group for each week on the current numbers prior to those who have indicated 'Maybe' confirming their definite intentions:

R / Y1 / Y2	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
5 days	2	1	2	3
3 days	8	10	8	13
Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
5 days	0	0	1	7
3 days	1	1	4	9

As such for all of you who ticked a 'Maybe' within the expression of interest questionnaire please could you make a decision one way or another for those dates you have highlighted as a possibility and confirm with us by close of business on Wednesday 1 July whether you would like to take up a place (and for when) as this will help inform our decision making as to whether or not the camp will be able to proceed.

As stated previously our proposals need to be as straightforward as possible, with numbers attending as secure as possible to support the development of 'bubbles'. This means that if you do not to take up the offer from the outset, we should stress that you will not be able to add dates later on. We appreciate that is not ideal, but hope you understand that due to the circumstances that we all find ourselves in, some of the flexibility that we would have liked to have been able to offer, is just not available.

We are sorry to have to press you to make some decisions which pre-Covid you would not have had to do, but you will appreciate that we have to have this information as a matter of some urgency - if the camp is to proceed we need to crack on with arrangements as rapidly as possible.

We still anticipate being able to confirm whether Greenway Summer Camp will go ahead by Friday 3rd July at the latest. If we do that, a final booking form will then be sent out and we will begin the process of allocating children who are attending to bubbles and finalising the recruitment and training of activity leaders. At that stage, any outstanding non-refundable deposits (£50 per child) would need to be paid and any additional provision requested (beyond that already requested by you in the original expression of interest and/or in this chaser request) would only be possible if there was any capacity in an appropriate bubble.

Kind regards,

**Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher**

