



Thursday 25 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Proposed Greenway Summer Camp

Last week I mentioned that schools were awaiting guidance from Government about a possible summer 'catch up' programme as well as detail around the rolling out of possible holiday activities resources for families, but that in the meantime, Governors and I had been considering ways in which we might support Greenway families during the forthcoming summer holiday period. Government guidance has slowly been trickling out but what is clear is that there is no obvious Government funding for summer holiday activity resources.

We have been continuing to work on the possibility of providing a chargeable summer activities camp to support our parents/carers with childcare over some of the holiday period but we clearly need to establish whether or not this would be viable.

Informal feedback about the possibility of a Greenway Summer Camp has been very encouraging but as we are already racing against time – in terms of all that would be required to be put in place - we believe it sensible to share our current planning with you and to formally seek your feedback and expressions of interest as a matter of some urgency.

Government guidance seems to be changing on a very regular basis. However, we have needed to model our planning on maintaining the same safety guidelines relating to Covid-19 that apply in school **now**. Hand hygiene, equipment cleaning and social distancing routines including the creation of limited capacity 'bubbles' into which children would be placed and would need to stay, have all had to be factored into planning as these measures will continue for the duration of any camp. **This means that our proposals need to be as straightforward as possible and that some of the flexibility that we would have liked to have been able to offer, is just not available.**

Our current assumptions for a fun summer activities Greenway Summer Camp (that your child/ren would see as something distinctly different from school) are as follows:

**Children** We would only be able to accept Greenway pupils and only those currently in Reception to Year 6.

**Staff** A member of the Senior Leadership Team at Greenway (myself, Ms Roe or Mrs Murphy) would be available on a weekly rota, for any safeguarding or emergency issues. The summer camp programme would be managed by

Mr Lewis with (fully trained and DBS checked) play leaders recruited locally to run a range of fun (sport and craft) activities in each bubble.

**Weeks** The eligible weeks (Monday to Friday) would be:

Week 1        20-24 July  
Week 2        27-31 July  
Week 3        3 - 7 August  
Week 4        10-14 August

**Days** Provision would either be 5 days (Monday to Friday in each week) or 3 days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week) and each day would start at 9.30am and finish at 4.30pm, with children needing to bring their own packed lunches and all snacks and drinks.

The requirement of bubbles means we are unable to offer a more flexible approach (i.e. single day bookings or alternative combinations for 3 days). It also means that if you require childcare other than for 3 or 5 days, you would need to select the closest to your needs (and unfortunately you would still need to pay for the full 3 or 5 days).

**Bubbles** Children attending camp would all need to be allocated to a bubble with those bubbles needing to stay as consistent as possible (depending on the provision you require). As safety must be the primary concern in placing children in bubbles, we cannot guarantee that they will be with named friends, though we will of course do our best where we can.

To ensure that activities are suitably tailored to the children, we currently envisage allocating them within age-banded bubbles as follows:

Age Group 1 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
Age Group 2 - Years 3 and 4  
Age Group 3 - Years 5 and 6

**Cost** The cost has been priced according to similar provision on offer locally in previous years (i.e. £35 per standard day) and is:

£175 per child per week (for 5 days)  
£105 per child per week (for 3 days)

All payment would be required in advance (with payment for any provision in Weeks 1 and 2 due Friday 17 July and payment for any provision in Weeks 2 and 3 due by Friday 31 July) and there would be no refund for days not attended (other than if cancelled by school).

Payment via Childcare Vouchers or through Tax Free Childcare would be accepted.

**Deposit** Should you wish to secure a place on the Greenway Summer Camp please complete the expression of interest questionnaire and pay a deposit of £50 per child. A link enabling you to do that is contained in the questionnaire via School Gateway on the school website homepage. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Any deposit would be repaid to you as soon as possible if a decision is taken not to proceed with Greenway Summer Camp or if camp capacity

had already been reached by the time your deposit is received. In all other regards, this is a non-refundable deposit.

As we are seeking expressions of interest with a deposit up front, we anticipate being able to confirm whether or not Greenway Summer Camp will go ahead by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the latest. 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.

Having read the details above, if you would still be keen for your child/ren to attend Greenway Summer Camp you will need to **complete the expression of interest questionnaire in the link below - before 9am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

<https://forms.gle/abSdAFDfJrHXKqXR9>

Finally, please note that you should only complete ONE form per family if you are seeking the same provision (dates and days) for all of your children. Only complete a separate survey for each child, if you are seeking different provision for each of them.

As above, I will let you know if we will be going ahead with the Greenway Summer Camp as soon as we have analysed your feedback. We do appreciate how important it is for some of you to find childcare during the summer holiday period and will be doing our absolute best to offer that, but you will appreciate that we have to reassure ourselves and you that the programme on offer would be financially viable, as well as being safe and fun.

Kind regards,

Katharine Ellwood

