



Tuesday 5 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning from Wednesday 6 January

Further to my letter sent last night, I am most grateful to Class reps and Parent Forum reps for assisting with the distribution of my letter. Just when we needed our communications provider to support us in circulating the letter, their website crashed, perhaps unsurprisingly. It was still not up and running at 12.45am today!

I have written separately to the parents of those eligible children who will be attending school from Wednesday 6 January providing them with the necessary detail around the arrangements that we have made for them. You will appreciate that today has been an exceptionally busy day!

Remote Learning

You will recall that we have been trialling the use of Google Classrooms since October half term in the submission of home learning. We are pleased that so many children have adapted to submitting their home learning in this way and are confident that they will be able to use this platform for their remote learning.

Remote Learning for Wednesday 6 January - Friday 8 January inclusive

We appreciate that many of you will be facing all sorts of challenges at this difficult time and that the prospect of supervising your child/ren with their home learning may seem very daunting particularly if you are also working or have additional health issues or caring responsibilities. We do understand how hard this is but would remind you that there is no expectation from Government that you become teachers.

We would ask that you:

- Support your child as best you are able given your own circumstances, health and work commitments;
- Contact the school if you need help;
- Be respectful when making any concerns known to staff.

By 8am, each morning your child's home learning will be live on Google Classrooms. There will be daily Reading, Maths, Writing and theme work, which is in line with

Government expectations. Please do remember that it is important to factor in time for your child to exercise and play every day.

Remote Learning from Monday 11 January

As of next week, we will be offering two face to face, weekly 'class meet and greets'. These will be run via Google Classrooms on a Monday and Friday morning. You will appreciate that these will need to be scheduled and we will provide more details and protocols around these sessions by the end of the week. We politely request that you attend at least one of these sessions with your child. Class teachers will be monitoring engagement with Google Classrooms - any problems please do contact your child's class teacher via their email.

SEND/Well-being

We appreciate that for some children, a 'meet and greet' and/or remote learning can cause some anxiety. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact school via admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk or Ms Roe on dani.roe@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

Revised Remote Learning Policy

Governors were due to agree a revised Remote Learning Policy later this month but we now hope to have this with you by the end of the week for you to digest over the weekend.

Nursery

So far as Nursery is concerned you are aware that prior to the Government announcement last night we had already indicated that we would be unable to open Nursery this week due to a lack of staffing capacity.

The Government announcement yesterday around whether Nurseries are to remain open was not clear in several respects. Boris Johnson said, *'Everyone will still be able to access early years settings such as nurseries'*. Colleagues across the County (including me) are seeking some clarification around this statement with the Local Authority not least as to whether we will be reopening Nursery once our staffing position enables us to do so. I do understand that this lack of certainty may prove frustrating for some parents. I will keep you updated in this respect.

I will be in touch with you again by the end of the week but thank you for your continued support in these difficult times.

Regards

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Headteacher