



Friday 22 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Remote Learning/Google Classrooms**

We are now two and a half weeks into remote learning and I therefore thought it would be useful to update you all since my letter dated 8 January.

These are such challenging times for everyone and, speaking on behalf of my entire staff and Governing Body, I know that we all wish school was fully open to all your children. It is not the same without them.

I am very pleased to report that those children who are eligible to come into school have adapted quickly and happily to their new bubbles and routines.

I know from class teachers that those children working at home are engaging with the remote learning and submitting wonderful work each day thanks to your continued support. I have really enjoyed seeing an impressive amount of high-quality pieces of work submitted across all year groups over the past couple of weeks. Keep aiming high!

### Remote Learning Policy

Since the Department of Education (DfE) updated its guidance at the beginning of the month, we have reviewed and amended our Remote Learning Policy which is being sent to the Governing Body for ratification.

The DfE has also advised that all schools should provide summary details of their remote learning offer and we will upload this and our revised Remote Learning Policy to the school website on Monday 25 January. On reading these documents we trust that you will be clear as to the school's remote learning offer in a variety of situations eg a national lockdown, the closure of a bubble and/or a child/ren self-isolating. We hope you will find these useful.

### Remote Learning

Thank you for your hard work, commitment and juggling required to support your children with their remote learning, whilst balancing all the other demands and commitments you have within your family and work. We really do appreciate that every family is unique, and that it is the job of the school to provide high quality remote learning which is accessible to our whole school community whilst taking into account individual families very differing circumstances.

Once again may I thank you for your positive comments with regards Greenway's remote learning offer – I know teachers have really appreciated these. I also know that the minor adaptations made by us following feedback have been appreciated by you. I am aiming to hold a Parent Forum meeting on Thursday 4 February with the focus on Remote Learning and how we can further support you and your children. Keep a look out for your Parent Forum representative's email in the next few days asking for your comments.

I will be reviewing our remote learning offer with my Senior Leadership Team, Governing Body and the school's Improvement Partner later in the term and it will be helpful to have Parent Forum feedback for this.

### General Reminders

1. As per the advice previously given, I have set out below **how to access the comments of your child's teacher when you have submitted a photograph of their work:**

*'To view this comment, you need to open the document in a new window. To do this, you need to select the photograph of the work, click on the icon on the right hand side of the page with three dots, click 'open in a new window' and then hover over the work. The teacher's comment will pop up. Once you have seen the comment, you **do not** need to resubmit the piece of work. This will be the consistent approach from all class teachers..... We have been made aware that when trying to view your child's comments you cannot view them when using certain phones and tablets'.*

2. **If you have a concern or query regarding your child, please email your child's class teacher via their school email and not through the Google Classrooms.** We want to ensure that your query is not lost in all the notifications received by teachers from Google Classrooms each day!
3. The class meet and greets have gone really well and I know how much the staff have enjoyed seeing your children. **Please may I politely request that you support your child/ren in being ready and alert and not just out of bed for these meetings!** We want to support the children getting into a routine.

We are constantly reviewing the innumerable resources that are being circulated to support schools and families. I thought that some of you might find Top Tips from the Education Endowment Fund of interest in supporting your child/ren with their remote learning. These have been collated for you by us in one document and are sent with this letter and will be placed on the school website.

I hope that you are all able to enjoy some sunshine over the coming weekend.

Regards

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