



Wednesday 3 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Greenway Easter Camp

Following the successful Greenway Summer Camp that took place last year and the recent Government announcements, we are planning to run a Greenway Easter Camp during the forthcoming holiday period. This camp will be offering fun sports and arts & crafts activities to support families that require childcare over the Easter holidays or for those who would just like to extend the socialisation that we know they will have enjoyed with their friends following their return to school on 8 March.

If you wish your child/ren to attend the Easter Camp, we would ask that you complete the online booking form through this link <https://forms.gle/7vVPua9VscwEqF8k7> by **9am on Monday 8 March**. We appreciate that this does not give you a lot of time but trust that you understand we have been awaiting Government guidelines as to what is permitted and therefore only have a short amount of time to set up the Camp.

Easter Camp

Children We will only be able to accept Greenway pupils and only those currently in years Reception to Year 6. *Minimum ratios for Nursery age children mean that it is unfortunately not viable for us to offer childcare to this group of younger age children.*

Staff A senior member of Greenway staff (myself or Ms Roe) will be on-site or available at all times. The Easter camp programme will be managed by Mr Lewis and staff to lead each bubble will be recruited locally (*All staff recruited will be DBS checked and all will receive training in the role. In addition, preference will be given to ex-Greenway pupils who know the school and its ethos well*).

Weeks The eligible weeks will be:

- Week 1 Monday 29 March – Thursday 1 April inclusive
- Week 2 Tuesday 6 April – Friday 9 April inclusive

Days	<p>We will be able to offer provision in blocks of either Week 1 (i.e. Monday-Thursday) or Week 2 (i.e. Tuesday-Friday) or both weeks</p> <p>Each day will start at 9.30am and finish at 3.30 pm, with children needing to bring their own packed lunches and all snacks and drinks.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a more flexible approach (i.e. single day bookings). It also means that if you require childcare at the Easter Camp other than for the periods of time stated, you will need to pay for the full 4 days for the relevant week.</p>
Cost	<p>£160 per child per week (for 4 days) £320 per child for both weeks</p> <p>All payment will be required in advance and there will be no refund for days not attended (other than if cancelled by school).</p> <p>Payment via Childcare Vouchers or through Tax Free Childcare will be accepted.</p>
Deposit	<p>Should you wish to secure a place on the Greenway Easter Camp please complete the online booking form by 9am on Monday 8 March and pay a deposit of £50 per child. A link enabling you to do that is contained in the online booking form and via School Gateway on the school website homepage. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Any deposit will be repaid to you as soon as possible if a decision is taken not to proceed with Greenway Easter 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</p>
Covid-19	<p>School will continue to strictly apply all current (or future) Government safety guidelines relating to Covid-19. As well as all of the hand hygiene, equipment cleaning and social distancing routines that your children are already familiar with at school, unless guidance changes, we will be placing children in 'bubbles'; at the moment, this will be of up to 15 children (with 2 staff members per bubble) and aiming to keep those bubbles consistent. All staff will be undertaking bi-weekly lateral flow testing.</p>

We anticipate being able to confirm whether or not there is sufficient interest in the Easter Camp by **Friday 12 March** at which point we will begin the process of allocating children who are attending to bubbles and finalising the recruitment and training of activity leaders. Should there be insufficient interest we will refund those deposits paid.

We appreciate the importance for some of you to find childcare for the holiday period and will be doing our absolute best to offer this but you will appreciate that we have to reassure ourselves that the programme on offer is financially viable, as well as being safe and fun.

As always, if you feel that this provision is essential for you and your child/ren but are struggling to meet the cost, do please contact me via head@greenway.herts.sch.uk or contact the school office to discuss this in confidence.

Regards

Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher