



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Dear Parents/Carers

16 April 2021

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter break and enjoyed some sunshine! I thought it would be useful to update you on a variety of things.

### **Easter Camp**

A huge thank you to Mr Lewis, Mrs Clutson and all the students who supported the Easter Camp – it was a great success. Thank you for the lovely emails we have received saying how much your children enjoyed the activities and socialising with their friends.

The Governors and I are currently investigating what summer holiday camp provision we may be able to run over the summer holidays and we will be communicating with you shortly so that you are able to make plans and secure places for your child/ren should we decide to proceed with it.

### **Tree Nursery**

During the Easter Camp, children planted the 50 native tree saplings that we have received as part of the Earth Restoration service. The activity was thoroughly enjoyed and we will be excited to see how they grow over the next few months. A group of children have taken responsibility for watering the saplings each day. A big thank you to our Vice Chair of Governors Mrs Fiona Duck who supported us with this!

### **Greenway Art Mural**

I have had many lovely comments from parents and children this week on the amazing mural, which was painted by Mrs Bennett and her daughter over the Easter holidays in preparation for all the plastic bottle tops you have been collecting to be glued in place. All the children at Greenway will take part in this project during the summer term – watch this space!

### **Staffing**

A big thank you for your contributions for Anna Klimaszewski's leaving present. We bought vouchers and a lovely bouquet of flowers. She was very touched and I know she would want me to say thank you to you all on her behalf.

Mr Buss our site manager will be leaving us at the end of the month as he has secured a job nearer to his home in Hemel Hempstead. He has been a valuable member of the team and we wish him well in his new job.

### **Parent Consultations**

You will have received a letter regarding parent consultations and how you can request your slot. Please may I ask you to complete the form, identifying **two slots for each week, along with your contact details** and email this to your child's class teacher

as soon as possible so that we can then inform you of your time slot. These telephone consultations worked extremely well during the Autumn term. We will shortly be sending out the guidelines on how the consultations will be conducted and I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in following these.

The consultation's focus will be to discuss your child/ren's return to school following the second lockdown, their behaviours for learning, discussions around English and Maths and expectations for the summer term.

### **New Greenway website**

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website, which took place last week. A huge thank you again to Mrs Fiona Duck who has led on this, liaising with the website design team, school and the Governing Body. The new format is accessible on your mobile phones and there is a search function which I know will be appreciated by you. We are currently in the process of going through and updating various pieces of information, so watch this space!

### **Sports at Greenway**

This term we have some exciting sporting opportunities taking place at Greenway with external providers. There will be a Cricket taster day supported by the Chance To Shine ECB initiative, sessions with Berkhamsted Hockey Club and on Friday 30 April the whole school will be taking part in 'England Does the Daily Mile' which is an initiative set up by The Daily Mile foundation. We are currently exploring our options with regard to competitive sports during the summer term at Greenway – no decisions have been taken in this respect yet. We will also have some children taking part in a focus group with our local school games organiser and the Greenway Sports Ambassadors will be setting up some more whole school challenges as part of their roles.

### **Finally.....**

Please can I remind you that our COVID protective measures have not changed at school, even though outside of school some restrictions have been relaxed.

We all have a responsibility to take steps in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus. With this in mind, all families are required (unless exempt) to adhere to the following points to ensure a safe arrival and departure at school for all involved:

- Only **one** parent or guardian should drop off and pick up their child/children to reduce numbers outside school;
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household in your journey to and from school and whilst waiting;
- Refrain from lengthy face-to-face conversation with staff or other families - use digital communication methods during lockdown where at all possible;
- **Go straight home after dropping and/or collecting your child/children;**
- **All parents who drop off/pick up their child/ren and come onto the school site to do so wear face masks.** This also includes those parents/carers who drop off at Breakfast Club and who pick up from Waccy and after school clubs.
- Please may I also remind you that when you are waiting on the school grounds to collect your child/ren, any siblings already collected do need to stay next to

you and not run around the school grounds. You will appreciate that we are trying to keep children in their class bubbles during the school day and we do not want to encourage any mixing of these bubbles once school has finished.

Regards,

Katharine Ellwood  
Headteacher