



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead – I hope that the children who are using google classroom continue to find this a helpful tool to support their learning, and that those parents of Year 1 and Reception are able to access the website resources easily.

There has been an update from the Department for Education about other year groups returning, and they recognise that schools will not be able to bring back the full complement of pupils this academic year. The school has evaluated its own risk assessment carefully and has decided that Year 4 will return on a part time rota'd basis from June 22nd 2020.

We have decided to bring Year 4 back for the following reasons:

- They will be able to occupy the 2nd floor by themselves therefore will have minimal contact with any other year group bubbles
- They are the year group closest to the Year 6 assessments and therefore need the most support in achieving their attainment and progress measures
- Being older, they will require less support with the social distancing still required around the school

Home learning via the school website and google classroom will continue to be used for the other year groups and the current rotas for Reception and Year 1 will remain in place to the end of the summer term. There may be adjustments to drop off and pick up times to accommodate siblings returning together.

We understand that parents in Year 2 and Year 3 will be concerned that their children are not likely to return before September 2020 therefore we are currently in discussion with GEMS Learning Trust and the Local Authority around the capacity of bringing these pupils back safely for the last two weeks and a half week (6th July 2020) on a rota'd basis to support their social and emotional welfare as well as their transition into the next year group.

The Department for Education are working on the plans for September, and we will share them with you once the school receives the information about what our September opening will look like.

New Reception Parents:

Parents of children who are starting Reception in September 2020 will have received a letter this week detailing the changes to your evening meeting and your children's transition day that were scheduled for the 25th June and 15th July. The meeting will now be prerecorded, and this will be put onto the school website for you to watch. There will also be two live zoom Q and A 's for parents to access - further information around this will be found in the content of the letter.

Please can we ask, that if you have not yet completed your child's information document, you do this as quickly as possible and return to the school.

Year 5 – Walking Home and Mobile Phones

When the children are in Year 5, they will be given the opportunity to walk home alone. You will soon receive a letter which will also ask you to give permission for this. Please note: they will not be able to take their younger siblings with them. For those pupils who are walking home alone, you will be able to provide them with a mobile phone which will be handed into the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. They cannot keep this with them during the school day. Unfortunately, there will not be a crossing patrol staff member for at least the first term. Because of lock down, permission for where the crossing patrol will be, and the training for this have been put on hold so you will need to consider this when deciding on permission

Times for the next Academic Year

Below are the times for the next academic year. Sibling club will continue to operate for Reception pupils only and these children will leave with the next eldest sibling. 08:30 – 09:00 remains the soft start.

Reception	08:30 – 3:30
Year 1	08:30 – 3:40
Year 2	08:30 – 3:45
Year 3	08:30 – 3:50
Year 4	08:30 – 3:55
Year 5	08:30 – 4:00

Groups Attendance next week:

Group	Week commencing	Days
Rec and Year 1 Group 1A and 1B	15 th June 2020	Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Rec and Year 1 Group 2A and 2B	15 th June 2020	Tuesday, Thursday
Key worker children	15 th June 2020	Monday – Friday

Whole School Challenge:

Last week's "Guess the teacher" challenge turned out to be a tricky one. Well done to all the children and parents for having a go and some came close to getting all of them correct. The correct answers are on the website for you to see.

For the next two weeks our challenge is based on our annual Theme Open Homework Project. We would like the children to think about the THEME linked phrase 'Change and Continue' and respond in a way of their choice. They may wish to do a science experiment or activity, produce a piece of art, design something on the computer, create a 3D model, write a poem or story, create a video.... there are lots of possibilities. There is no right or wrong way to approach "Open homework" and it provides the children with the opportunity to be creative and develop their lateral thinking.

Please email a photo of the completed project to Miss Petra and she will put them on the website to share with the school community. p.gollob@GEMSTWICKENHAMPRIMARY.co.uk

Summer Holidays:

The school will be closed during the whole of the summer holidays. This will include provision for the Key Worker pupils. We will help to support and identify summer holiday camps open where possible.

School Office News

Stephenson's – please see sheet below regarding uniform purchases

Afterschool Clubs for Autumn Term 2020

Options for Autumn Term 2020 Afterschool clubs will be sent out with next week's newsletter. Online forms will be issued via the Parent Mail platform close of business Monday 22nd June.

All responses must be received by Friday 26th June. Outcomes will be sent via Parent Mail by Friday 3rd July. Please note the afterschool clubs are preliminary at this point and may be cancelled if government guidance doesn't allow for it.

Breakfast Club for Autumn Term 2020

Key dates to follow next week.

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend



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Principal



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School Uniform

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To keep both our staff and customers safe, our branches will be operating on an appointment only basis this summer.

To help schools and their parents we have allocated a appointment window for your school, which is **Monday 3rd August until Saturday 9th August.**

Please, where possible, book during this window. Our online store will be operating as normal but we highly recommend new starters visit our branch.

Keeping you updated

With the current lockdown, retail restrictions and social distancing likely to have a significant impact in the flow of customers through our retail branches over the summer, we are having to revise our operations to maintain a smooth customer service experience. So we can update you on these changes it is important that we ask you register on our website so we can communicate these once we are in a position to reopen.

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