

Friday, 21st August 2020

Dear TG Families,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and rested after the summer break. The weather has certainly kept us all on our toes but at least we were able to enjoy some sustained sunshine for a part of the time.

Whilst I know the world remains in a state of flux, the good news that we will all be able to return to school at the start of the autumn term, on Wednesday, 2nd September, is heartening and welcoming our whole school back is something all here at TG are looking forward to.

As I am sure you will all realise, school will continue to operate within the parameters of the new normal that we established during lockdown. This will mean that whilst we will function as one whole school bubble, we will have sub-bubbles so that we are able to observe government guidance and restrict physical contact between the children, and adults, within and across bubbles, as much as possible whilst delivering the very best quality of education through a broad and balanced curriculum. As the government has made clear, they do not expect younger children in schools to be able to maintain social distancing but we would ask you to make every effort to help your children to understand that touching and physical contact will be discouraged, particularly amongst the children in KS2.

The information sheet that Fi (Miss Britt!) emailed to you all at the close of the summer term, on Thursday, 16th July, contains all the pertinent information relating to the measures we are taking in school. The key change to note is that in the event of anyone testing positive for Covid 19, then the period of self-isolation has increased from 7 to 10 days. I have attached to this letter a reminder/summary of the key details you will need in preparation for your child's/children's return to school on Wednesday, 2nd September. Please note, the PE dates are not yet set in stone and so all children should attend school on Wednesday in their full school uniform.

I do hope that you and your children are keen to get back to school and return to the important business of learning and being back amongst their friends. Some may be feeling apprehensive and we hope that the PPTs that we will send from each class will help to familiarise them with the new classroom layout; if your child is showing increased anxiety at the prospect, please do get in touch and we can discuss some support strategies.

It remains for me to wish you a happy and sunny end to the summer break and to say how very much I am looking forward to seeing you all once more...from across the fence!

Best wishes,

Mary Gray
Head