



Phased and safe re-opening of school

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all continuing to keep well and safe. We do miss you and your children and I know from your messages and speaking to you either by phone, email or face to face that many of you are missing us too. I am pleased to let you know that we started our first phase of re-opening this week by having a small number of pupils in school within three hubs. It has been lovely to see the children and staff have been positive about the return. Pupils have quickly got back into the swing of things and have enjoyed being back in a familiar environment interacting positively with staff and having fun. Staff wearing PPE has not had an impact on the pupils returning to school which was a concern from parents and staff. It is difficult for staff to wear PPE all day and towards the end of the week we did suffer a bit with PPE fatigue. However, we are very happy to begin the second phase of our re-opening next week and welcome more children back into the three established hubs and we have finished planning for the third phase to start the week beginning 29th June when we plan to open more hubs. We hope to have a 4th phase which will start the week beginning 6th July and the 5th phase starting in September. Children returning to school have been prioritised by individual risk assessments in consultation with the LA, social services and health services and those who are in Year 6. We also have to have higher levels of staffing in each class to support social distancing guidelines and to maintain enhanced levels of hygiene protocols with fewer staff able to come back themselves which means that unfortunately we can't have everyone back.

Whilst planning the phased re-opening of school we continue to offer an extensive remote learning programme. I trust that the phone call with your child's class teacher this week was useful and that the new learning packs delivered to your homes have been successful with your child. Thank you for giving us feedback on what works well with your child so that we can make sure that activities being sent home are effective. Some of you will have received a switching pack and programme from Hayley (SALT) and Cheska (OT) and I hope you've been having fun with these whilst supporting your child's attention, reaction and fine motor skills. We have a limited amount of switches and switch activated toys at school so if you didn't receive a pack this time you may still get one for your child in the next round of deliveries as we need to share them across the families. You will now get weekly phone calls now from the class teacher and will have a new pack delivered to your house in 2-3 weeks' time.

We have also continued to offer the playground to families this week and is another lovely way to see you and your child and to have a good catch up. We still want to be able to offer this to all of our families but as we begin to fill school again we will need to move the playground offer to Mondays and Fridays from the week beginning 29th June so that we can accommodate and timetable everyone in. To book a session please email me at head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Starting next week we will also begin to have the Year 6 annual reviews so that parents, school, therapists and your child's new secondary school can meet to share key information about your child and plan for their transition. Other annual reviews that were scheduled to take place this half term will be postponed to early September.

We'd like to thank you very much for your support as we all come back to a 'new normal'. I am so thankful that we got through this together. Thank you.

Toni

News from our families

We have loved receiving photos and videos of your child's learning at home so please do continue to share these by either emailing them to Toni or to your child's class teacher giving us permission to put them into the newsletters. It's also a lovely way for children to see photos of their friends.

Checking the weather forecast in Scotland



Farm animals love jelly play in Ireland!

Listening and watching rain as part of the wild weather theme this week



Don't forget to let us know in assembly today what learning you've been doing. Celebrate everyone, come on!

Our theme for next week is Mountains and Lochs

Some of you will be doing dancing from around the British Isles, reading the Billy Goat's Gruff, building playdough mountains, reading folk tales from Scotland and making shortbread. Please send us your photos.

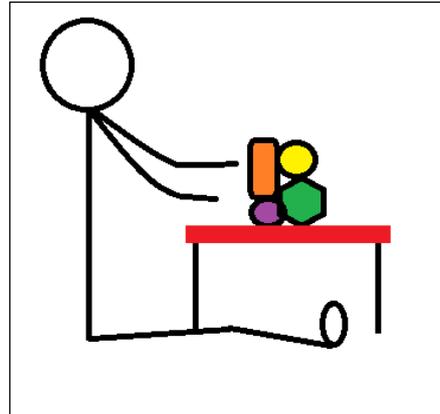
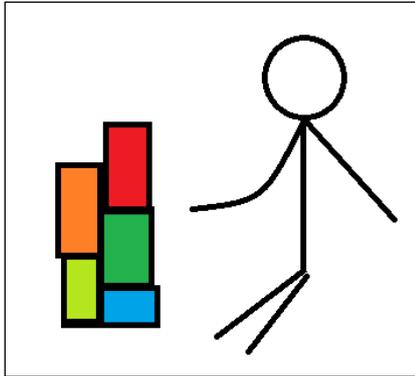


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Do continue to join us on Instagram Live each Friday at 3pm for assembly and use our YouTube channel to support your child's learning. You'll find songs, stories, parent tutorials, bucket time and therapy ideas to support your child's learning.

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Position of the Week



There are lots of ways to incorporate Physiotherapy into your child's daily activities.

This week, try and make time for some **'Long Sitting'**.

This position is great for children with all different physical levels. Long sitting will provide a gentle hamstring stretch (please use Leg Gaiters if your child has them), as well as working on their core/trunk muscles.

Try having toys/games to their left and right, as well as on a small table over their lap.

Please contact the Physiotherapy Team if you have any concerns or require any support.

