



Garden Suburb Junior School

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15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Opening of School for Year 6 Pupils

We have been asked by the government to open our school to the Year 6 cohort from the 1st June. It is clear that it will not be business as usual but I am feeling positive about the prospect of welcoming more children, and hopefully staff, back to school.

Schools clearly have a key role to play in helping start the process of recovery from the impact of Covid-19 and the staff are supporting me in trying to make this happen.

We are currently doing risk assessments and making plans for Year 6 to return **from Tuesday 2nd June**. We will use the INSET day on 1st June to plan, prepare and train staff.

I must stress that we are still at the planning stage and will only move forward on this if we feel that we can follow guidance and be as safe as possible. We still have a long way to go with our planning but are hopeful that we will be able to deliver a model that will enable your child to have:

- maximum amount of **contact** with their class teacher and some of their class members
- **closure** of their primary education, whilst at the same time preparing for secondary school.

This is part of the government's conditional plan, which it says will remain under regular review and is yet to be final.

I know that you will understand that the safety of everyone in the school community is paramount. We all want to get more pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so. However, I do want to stress that my first priority has to be the health and wellbeing of my staff, our children and their families.

The key message is that this phased re-opening of schools needs to be done carefully and safely and I am sure you will bear with us whilst we do this. I will be sending you more information as things become clearer to us and as we receive further guidance from Central Government, the DfE, the Local Authority and the professional associations.

For those of you in Year 6 who are feeling worried about sending your child to school, the government guidance is clear and reassuring: **if and when school reopens, it will be up to parents to decide whether or not they wish to send their child in at this time.**

Next week I hope that I will be able to provide you with enough information to enable you to make informed choices regarding your child's education at this challenging time. I thank you for your understanding and feel positive about the future.





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Reports

You will be receiving your child's End of Spring Term Report by post over the next few days. This report gives you important information about your child's progress and attainment so far this year.

Year 6 - Please note, Dance, Gymnastics and DT were units due to be covered during the Summer Term so have not been assessed.

If you would like to comment on your child's report, please do so by emailing your child's class teacher.

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Year 5 – Important Information for Secondary Transfer

Please find attached information regarding Secondary Transfer 2021. This information has also been added to the school

website. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?pid=250&action=saved>

I would normally hold a meeting for parents in early May to guide you through the secondary transfer process. This meeting is then repeated, in the September that your child is in Year 6. Due to the current restrictions the May meeting will not be able to take place. I will, however, be providing a PowerPoint presentation which will be uploaded onto the website next week.

In the meantime please read the information very carefully and take a particular note of deadlines. You are also advised to visit the websites of schools that you are interested in considering.

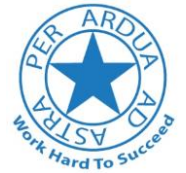
The dates for summer term open evenings have also been included - arrangements for which may change so parents should check each secondary school's websites for updates.





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Selective Tests

The test timetable is also attached. The timing of this year's tests have also been published on individual school websites but may be subject to change in view of the current situation.

Please note that the deadline for registering for the tests at **Mill Hill County High School** and the music auditions at **Ashmole Academy** is today **Friday 15 May**.

I will circulate the autumn open evening schedule later this term when dates have been finalised.

Poster Competition

Thank you very much to those who entered the e-safety poster competition. Miss Larsen is pleased to announce joint winners **Tianna-Mae (6S)** and **Megan (6J)**. They created clear, informative posters which you will be able to see upon your return to school.

Enjoy the weekend- the forecast is good!

Stay safe.

Kind regards,

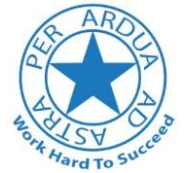
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