



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and staying safe.

## Opening for Year 6 Pupils

We do not know yet if schools will be open to Year 6 in June until the government has made the decision on whether it is safe to start this phased re-opening. We have been asked to plan for the possibility of being open to Year 6 from 1<sup>st</sup> June, at the earliest, with the possibility of opening to all children in July. I am currently planning with my team and making the necessary risk assessments. As I am sure that you are aware this is a lengthy process and, if the government gives the go ahead, we are now aiming to open for Year 6 pupils **from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

I wrote to Year 6 parents on Thursday with details of our plans. Thank you to those who responded to the questionnaire. The year group will be split into eight groups. Four groups will attend in the morning and four groups will attend in the afternoon. Unfortunately, this means that most of the children will not be taught by their class teacher. You will be contacted after half term in order for you to confirm if you will be taking up your place.

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.**

The Year 6 team will group the children and we cannot facilitate for families to choose or change which group they are in. Teachers will not be responding to emails from parents regarding the groupings. Please trust the Year 6 team to make the right decision regarding the group they are placed in.

I would like to thank the staff for their positivity and hard work in the planning for the re-opening for Year 6.

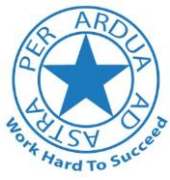
## Home Learning

Home learning will continue after the half term holiday and will start again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is an INSET day and staff will be working on planning for the proposed re-opening of the school for Year 6 the following week. We are constantly reviewing our home learning provision and are exploring the use of additional online platforms. However, after half term, all of the available teaching staff will be involved in teaching in the Key worker school or in teaching Year 6, which we have been asked to prioritise by the government. I am sure that you will appreciate that this means that we will not be able to devote any time to making changes to how we deliver our home learning at the moment.

## Message from Barnet Council

Please click on the following link to see a message on the council website addressed to parents: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/message-leader-cllr-dan-thomas-update-parents-and-carers-barnets-school-children>. You may be interested to know that Dan Thomas, the leader of the council, was once a governor at our school.





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## Uniform4Kids

Uniform4Kids have been running an online service whilst the shops have all been closed. They have now put in place a plan for when they are allowed to reopen their store. Please see attached flyer from them regarding the processes they have put in place to keep all their staff and customers safe. Full details are also on our website, and check on [www.uniform4kids.com](http://www.uniform4kids.com) before you visit the store.

## Garden Suburb Lottery

The next draw is this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Enjoy the half term break!

Stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar

Head Teacher

