



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

I hope you had an enjoyable half term and that your families are well and staying safe.

Year 6 School

We welcomed back 51 Year 6 pupils this week. The children have responded well to social distancing measures and have been extremely responsive to our new ways of working. Well done everyone!

The staff have been delighted with the children's enthusiasm and participation. Everyone is enjoying the novel 'The Phantom Tollbooth'. Those pupils who are not in school, who require a copy of the novel, should contact their class teacher regarding collecting a copy from school.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be uploaded to our website every week. We now have more teachers working in school with Year 6 pupils and key workers. The staff's work patterns are changing and workloads increasing. Many staff are now teaching in school, planning for home learning as well as maintaining contact with their own classes.

Since March 2020 we have reinvented our school, established a remote learning offer and provided care for the most vulnerable as well as 51 Year 6 pupils in 6 'bubbles'. We have responded to endless guidance and updates from the government while supporting understandably anxious staff teams. We have had 18 members of staff self-isolating, including those in key roles. The pressure on the staff has been immeasurable.

Messages from the government at the moment are unclear as to what we should now be planning for. Last week we thought that we were planning for all pupils to return to school in July but this decision has now changed. It is clear that the government wants us to bring more children back to school but this is going to be a challenge whilst still being required to maintain a 2m social distancing. These unclear messages have delayed us from allocating time to developing our 'home learning' further. We have been attending training on different 'learning platforms' and we are in the process of considering the different options available. We are looking into using 'Loom' as well as a platform that will enable teachers to give more feedback on work. I will update you on this when we have more information.

Please be aware that from now on the home learning resources will be removed from the website by Friday lunch time (around 12:30pm) in order to upload the resources for the following week. These resources will be checked and be available for downloading by you by 8:30am on the following Monday.





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Barnet Specialist Inclusion Services (SIS) – Support with Secondary Transfer

Supporting Autistic Children, Children with Physical Disabilities/ Complex Medical Needs, Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment, Social & Emotional Mental Health and Literacy Difficulties.

Please see flyer attached from the Specialist Team regarding support for families, particularly for children in Year 5 and 6 with SEND.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

