

# **Garden Suburb Junior School**

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### Newsletter 06/2020

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report that there has been no positive Covid-19 tests reported within our community.

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, please do not bring them to school. You must seek advice from NHS 111 <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</a> or you can speak on the phone by calling 111. They will advise you if you should book a Covid-19 test. To book a test you can also call 119. Please inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results by email: <a href="mailto:mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>

## Home Learning- Parental Engagement is Important

Although the children are progressing well with 'Showbie', it is really important that parents also engage with this resource. In the event of a school closure, or need to self-isolate, 'Showbie' will be used. It is much better for you to trouble shoot any problems now so that you are able to support and motivate your child.

A guide for parents is available in 'Home Learning' on the website.

https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Zone&pid=323

If you have any further questions, or if your child has difficulties accessing their account, please contact your class teacher using your class email.

### **Communication with Teachers**

This year we are continuing to use the class teachers school email boxes, for parents to communicate directly with their class teacher regarding any issues you need to share about your child. We cannot guarantee these emails are read on a daily basis.

These emails are detailed on the school website: <a href="https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238">https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238</a>

Urgent messages should be sent to the School Business Manager - Ms Bailey in the school office office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

All attendance and welfare issues must still be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

#### **Secondary Transfer Information for Year 6 Parents**

Information about Secondary Transfer was sent home this week to Year 6 parents. This can also be accessed on our website. https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250

## There will be a Zoom meeting for Y6 parents on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm – 7:45pm

The zoom link will be sent to you today.

Most secondary schools are now offering virtual open evenings. We are forwarding details of zoom open evening meetings as and when we are informed of them. However, not all schools are informing us. It is therefore recommended that you visit the websites of the schools that you are interested in, as soon as possible, to find out more details of their open evenings.













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## **Meet the Teacher Appointments**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 meetings took place this week and were well attended by parents. The staff really valued the opportunity to meet parents and discuss the children's wellbeing face to face.

## Year 4 and 6 meetings are next week:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 3:40pm - 6pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 3:40pm - 6pm

## Staffing

Mrs Houghton, our Inclusion Manager/SENDCO, retired on Wednesday. Thank you to those who made a donation and sent their good wishes. Mrs Goldman, who has been working closely with Mrs Houghton this month, is now our Acting SENDCO.

## **School Photographs**

An individual 'proof copy' will be sent home next week and you will be able to purchase your child's school photograph directly from the photographer. Details of how to order are listed on the proof along with an individual access code. Photographs purchased will be sent directly by post to your home address. Order can be made up until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October2020.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher









