



# Fleet Primary School

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## Important information about end of year and preparations for September

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Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you so much for all your efforts and hard work in supporting the children over the challenging time over lockdown and school closure to the majority of children and in helping us transition the children back into school since the beginning of June. We have felt very supported by the Fleet community in the decisions we have taken. I really appreciate that and all that you have done in helping us.

I wanted to write to you all with some important updates for the end of the year and with a view ahead to September.

We have decided to close school from **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. This means that children in **Bubble A's last day will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July and Children in Bubble B's last day will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**. The staff will be doing important INSET on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> that due to the covid-19 closures we were unable to do during term time or during the two summer term INSET days that had to be cancelled as well as beginning the preparations needed to be able to have everyone back in September.

This will put us in a strong position to get everything in place for us to welcome back all the children from **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** as we had been originally planning for the academic year 2020-21. From that date, as per government guidance, we will expect all children from year 1-6 to be returning to school for 5 days a week. Reception and Nursery start dates will be sent out individually following the usual staggered transition that occurs in EYFS.

The last set of weekly home learning tasks will be going up on your child's home learning page on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July (for completion w.b. 13<sup>th</sup> July). If you are looking for activities to do over the holidays there are a number of generic activities and links that were put up on the website pages at the start of lockdown that can be referred to. We have not removed any work from any of the home learning weeks so if there were any activities your children did not manage to fit in they could go back and complete those. As we are made aware of any holiday provision on offer in Camden we will include details in the newsletter to also support you and your children.

On reopening, we will be maintain each class of up to 30 children as a bubble. While they are in school they will not be mixing with children outside their class. To achieve this we will be operating staggered drop off and pick up times, as well as using different entrances and exits to the site, as we have been this term. We hope to confirm each year groups timings and locations before the end of this term and we will send a reminder out at the beginning of September prior to the children returning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

For the Autumn term it is unlikely that we will be going on any trips involving the use of public transport – we will still go for school trips where walking is possible, for example to the Heath. There will also not be any after school clubs during this first term. We will be running breakfast club for those who need it but it will be done in a way that ensures children from different year groups are kept separate and observe social distancing between different groups/classes. Due to the guidance around shared areas and the dinner hall we will, for the beginning in September, be continuing the current lunch provision – children eating in their classroom – either packed lunch, or hot lunch provided by school that can be eaten easily without crockery. This situation will be reviewed as we progress and in light of any further government announcements.

Teachers have been writing end of year reports and these will be sent out soon (details below).

- **Bubble A children in school** – handed out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- **Bubble B children in school** – handed out on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- **Children currently not coming in to school** – posted on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July (also copy emailed via parent hub on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July)

As I am sure you will appreciate, writing end of year reports this year has been very challenging. Due to the closures, the government changed their guidance on what was needed in the end of year progress report for this year. A letter will go out with your child's report explaining what the judgements we have taken mean in light of the amount of school the children missed. Information on attendance will only be up to the point that school was closed by the government in March and not include attendance since the partial reopening in June. On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** teachers in every class will be calling you to discuss the report with you and answer any questions you may have. Please look out for a phone call that day.

We will be sending home a letter on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** that tells you who your child's teacher will be for the next academic year. The following week they will watch a video with their current teacher which is a message from their new teacher and do a task that has been set for them to complete from their new teacher.

Bubble A children in school will do this on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, while Bubble B children will do this on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. For children not in school, a link to the video message from their new teacher and information on the task to do will be sent to you using Parent Hub that week.

Once again let me thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours Sincerely,



Don McGibbon