

Dear parents,

### **Possible school re-opening**

The Government has released details of plans for a phased opening of schools from the week beginning Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. They have asked primary schools to open for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 only.

In the Government guidance, it is recognised that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. Schools will have to conduct a thorough risk assessment in order to prepare for any reopening. School, as we have known it, will be very different: smaller class sizes, no carpet time, staggered start and break times and no interaction between wider groups of children etc.

It is a very unsettling time for us all, and I would like to reassure you that we will only admit these year groups, if it is safe to do so.

I will keep you updated with all our preparations for making the school as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision about whether your child will attend. I am hoping to do this at some point early next week. I understand that you may have many questions, and there will be an opportunity to ask for further clarification, once our plans are shared. I know that you will appreciate that the risk assessment is a large and highly complex undertaking.

### **End of year reports**

Initially we had planned to give parents a short written update to replace the missed Parents' Evening sessions last term. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, this was not possible. We will be sending an end of year report to parents, as we usually do, in July.

### **New songs on GC**

Thank you for your feedback about the lovely music assembly songs from Alison. I am so glad you have been enjoying a singalong at home - how nice! Alison has recorded a new set of songs for you to enjoy and they will be available on GC from this evening. They are marked as 'NEW'.

### **Message from the PTFA**

*It really has been a year so far! The PTFA committee has been thinking about ways to support the school and families in the community during this very difficult time as well as the longer term plans. It is with regret that the Summer Fair will be cancelled which is a shame as it is always an energetic, vibrant and enjoyable day out each year, celebrating the William Patten and greater Stoke Newington community.*

*The car boot sales have also been put on hold and we are thinking of ways to do some kind of online auction/virtual car boot sale for those of us wanting to do a clear out. If anyone has experience with this and could help out please let us know!*

*If any of you have ideas or thoughts about ways to connect the young people in socially distanced ways please feel free to email the committee. The creativity and thoughtfulness of the WP hive mind never ceases to impress us!*

*Marghanita, Jonathan and Sophie.*

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the parent community for all your support, good wishes, offers of help and positivity during this terrible difficult time and of course a huge thank you to the staff team for their commitment to and hard work for the children and families of WP.

Best wishes  
Karen

