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11<sup>h</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: End of half term update**

Firstly can I say a huge thank you to all parents, carers and pupils for their continued support, patience and understanding during the current term. We are providing face-to-face lessons and supporting remote learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are operating with bubbles reflecting the organisation we successfully used in Lockdown 1. It has worked well with pupils having full time or part time places depending on their individual risk assessments balanced with the request for places from key workers parents in each bubble. We have been able to provide a place for every pupil whose parents have requested access to school, over 60 full time or part time places have been supported this week.

We are pleased by the positive feedback from parents who have been sending in their videos and feedback about pupils who are home learning using the home learning packs sent via the Evidence of Learning packs and more recently the Themed Activity packs. These can be booked via email and collected weekly from school, please see our Facebook Page for more details. We share your updates of pupils learning at home in our staff news and our weekly assemblies and can't wait to celebrate with pupils when they return to school.

**Half term**

School will be closed to all pupils, from Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021 for half term and school will reopen on Monday 22nd February. Remote learning will not take place during half term.

If your child has had face to face learning this week and becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, our school leaders will continue to work during the half term period to support pupils, parents and staff in the important role of contact tracing, to help in the national effort to limit the spread of the virus. For the first 48 hours after the end of term parents need to be vigilant and alert to the symptoms of Covid.

For the first 48 hours after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

If they test positive with a COVID-19 test, please email [greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk) and we will check these messages daily between 8am-10am daily. Please share this news as soon as possible with the following information:



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1. Date the symptoms started
2. Date of test
3. Date of test result

This is to ensure we keep everyone informed and as safe as possible.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111. . If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared and you should seek a test.

Please be prepared that we may text parents during half term, via the normal school text service, advising that your child needs to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case and we will provide a date for the end of that period once confirmed by Public Health.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms *more* than 48 hours since being in school, and you have a school place, you must report this to us on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, before they return to school. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

### **Returning to School**

If you would like your child to return to school after half term either

- a) Contact school via email, [greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk) , for the Key Worker form which will be emailed to you and must be submitted and proof of your key worker role provided. A member of staff will contact you once the application has been reviewed to ensure it meets the criteria.
- b) If you are not a key worker but would like a school place please either request this via your weekly welfare call and or contact school via email [greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

All requests for places, using either option, are considered each Wednesday at midday for the following week so that transport providers can put appropriate bubble arrangements in place and staffing is organised.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

This term we have staff who have kindly volunteered to run the Lateral Flow testing in school for staff and Secondary aged pupils in Year 7- 14 or aged 11 and over, who wish to participate. We have found



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this helpful and it has identified asymptomatic positive COVID cases in school and allowed for prompt self-isolation of staff and pupils.

We will continue to conduct lateral flow testing after half term for those pupils we have consent for. This is to ensure that we are keeping our students and staff as safe as possible. If you are a parent of a pupil who is Secondary age and they are returning to school soon we will send you a consent form to read and sign. The school nurses will support your child with the tests which is a nasal swab only and it is processed by the school team. Parents will get an email or text after the test is conducted so that you are aware of the result. Please return your form to school as soon as possible to ensure we have the capacity to provide this programme whilst ensuring high levels of staffing in classrooms.

### **COVID ICT Grant**

As a school we have been regularly applying for access to this ICT grant but unfortunately the iPads we have been requesting have not been available. We have had great news this week that we have now been granted 40 iPads for remote learning and we are waiting for delivery. If any parents would like to express an interest in a device for their child who is remote learning only please do this via the weekly welfare calls or email school.

### **Full School Opening and looking forward**

Current government advice states that schools will start to reopen on Monday 8th March 2021. Further communication regarding this will be sent out in due course once school has more information.

### **Community Links**

And finally, the Voluntary Committee of Green Park School want to look forward to better times so they are planning a Bikeathon on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, to raise funds for our pupils. The event will be based both in school and at Bilston Market between 10am-3pm. We are seeking volunteers to take part for ½ hour sessions during the day and we can send sponsor forms to anyone wishing to take part. We are encouraging all the class groups to take part for ½ hour in a physical challenge on site too in a COVID secure way. If you are interested in taking part or want to find out more please contact school. It would be lovely to have your support.

I would like to wish all parents, carers and pupils a safe, healthy and happy half term.

Kind regards,



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