

Wednesday 26<sup>TH</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and that despite the ongoing situation you have managed some quality family time and had the chance to rest and recalibrate over the summer. I am sending my immense gratitude to any of you who have been working to combat the effects of COVID either for the NHS or in any key worker roles.

I said that I would contact you in August to confirm arrangements for our full return to school in September and I am now in a position to do so.

Please see the information attached to this email which includes:

1. Whole school Risk Assessment
2. Whole School return summary
3. Flowchart – what we will do should child become unwell

This information can also be found on our website under: **Parents – September 2020 Return to School**

As ever, should information change or be updated I will inform you as soon as possible.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to inform you that Ms Alder will not be with us during Autumn 1 as she will be on compassionate leave. We will miss her but look forward to having her back with us. For this period, Ms Mendelssohn will be Interim Deputy Head as she was during Ms Alder's maternity leave. We will potentially be getting support from a seconded SLT member from within Waltham Forest and I will advise you of their appointment when I have more information.

Over the summer holidays our wonderful receptionist Charlotte found another role nearer to her home. We are very sad to see her go as she has been wonderful at GT and will be sorely missed. We will inform you of her replacement when they are appointed.

I have no doubt that many of you are anxious about your child's return to school in September and I want to reassure you that although these procedures and practises may seem clinical and different, George Tom remains the school it was in March. Our absolute focus and priority is your child's wellbeing, happiness and safety and we will ensure that whilst safety measures are adhered to, your children feel secure, safe and looked after at school. Our experience from having the school open to certain pupils during the summer term was that children adjust very quickly and have no trouble adjusting to the new measures. Our focus in class will be on reading, communication and mental health as well as ensuring the pupils have access to the full curriculum. We want things to be as normal and fun as possible for them and I am sure that once there, children will be delighted to see their friends again and get back into a routine!

We are well-aware that there will be catching up to do, however, this will not come at the expense of our pupils' happiness.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me: [verity.carter@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:verity.carter@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk). The school office can be contacted from 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Kind regards,



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