



George Fentham Endowed School

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: End of Term Updates

I thought it would be helpful to provide you with some end of term updates. I hope you find this information useful.

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Vulnerable and Key Worker Children

In line with Government guidance we have been able to welcome back children in the above year groups. It has been an absolute pleasure to have these children back in school. They have adapted quickly and easily to our new routines and systems and have really benefitted from the small group teaching. As the weeks have progressed, we have been joined by more children coming into our "Pods" and this has been lovely to see.

Children not attending School

We are incredibly disappointed that we have not been able to welcome every child back to George Fentham this term. However, we know from the engagement through our website, the discussion page and Purple Mash, that so many children have been accessing learning and working hard on the activities set each week by class teachers. We are mindful that every child will have had a very different experience over lockdown and our staff have already started to plan how best to support children when they return to school in September.

Website

This week will be the last week that we are publishing new work on our website. As we would do in school, teachers have been planning opportunities, through the website, to finish the term celebrating and revising previous learning. The work published on 6th July will, therefore, cover the last two weeks of term. We would love to see examples of the work your child has been doing at home, so please encourage your child to choose something they have enjoyed doing and bring that in to share with their class in September.

We do not underestimate how difficult it has been for parents to support children with home learning and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done. We would ask that you continue to support your children over the summer by encouraging them to read and engage with learning by revisiting some of the activities on their class website pages.

Year 6 Leavers

There have been many things that we have been unable to do this term including our normal celebrations with Year 6 as they finish their primary education. We have been delighted that so many





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of the class have returned and are being well supported as they prepare to make the move to Secondary School. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 continued success in the future. They have been a super class and we hope they will go on to continue to develop all of their many gifts and talents in the months and years ahead.

2019/2020 School Reports

Class teachers have now completed written reports for all children. Having read every single one of those reports, I continue to be incredibly proud of the fantastic children we have at George Fentham School. This year, in line with Government guidance, we will not be including information on attendance or any assessment data.

We have decided not to post reports as we have had some parents who have not received recent correspondence from us and we would not want a document with personal information about your child to go missing. We will, therefore, be arranging opportunities for parents/carers to collect reports from the school office during the final week of term. Reports for children currently in school and for their siblings will be sent home with your child.

Any reports that are not collected will be securely stored and sent home with your child in September. Please note we will only be able to give your child's report to you as the parent or carer unless you email the office directly and provide written consent that someone else will collect the report on your behalf.

Arrangements for the collection of reports will be sent out next week via Parent Pay email and will also be published on the website.

School Reading Books

Please return any school reading books you have at home. Due to the sudden lockdown we have lots of books missing from our brand new reading scheme and we would like to sort out all of our books ready for September. You can return books via the school office at anytime, there will be a collection box just inside the main door. Alternatively, please bring reading books back to school when you collect your child's report or send them in with your child if they are currently attending school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Medicines in School

If your child has any medicine in school e.g. inhaler, epi-pen, please ensure you collect this from the school office before the end of term and check the expiry date. Medicines will need to be sent back in at the start of term in September along with an updated administering medicines form which is available on the school website as an appendix to the Medicines in School Policy.

Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at George Fentham Endowed School for their hard work and support over the last four months. They have had to adapt quickly to move all learning online, implement brand new routines and systems to enable us to keep school open and





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through their day-to-day work ensure the safety and well-being of all children whilst continuing to meet their social, emotional and academic needs. Our staff have shown real resilience, positivity and determination and it is a real privilege to work with them.

September 2020

As many of you will have heard, the Government has announced guidance for every child to return to school in September. At George Fentham Endowed School we welcome and fully support this decision. With the guidance only just being published, we will need time to develop new routines and systems to ensure we are following this guidance and meeting all expectations. Realistically there is little time to do this and to then communicate our plans to you before the end of term. However, we will do our absolute best to keep you updated as soon as possible, so that you can make your own plans for September. Again, this will be done via Parent Pay email and through the school website.

Sending my very best wishes to you and your family.

Mrs J Gaughan

Headteacher

