PARSON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have expected, this week has been dominated by our response to the Prime Minister’s announcement that schools should extend their on-site provision to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from the 1st June.

Clearly this will require a great deal of planning and key school leaders at Parson Street have been working hard since Monday to begin putting our plans together. The government released amended guidance on this yesterday evening so we now need to review our plans in light of this. It is likely that guidance may change again before June 1st.

I know that parents of children in all of these years will need to know what we are doing to keep children safe when they return to school. I can reassure every member of our school community that the safety and well-being of our students, of our staff and of visitors to the site (e.g. parents dropping off children at the start of the day) is the highest priority. Our plans will be scrutinised by the TiLA Board of Directors, and only once they are satisfied that we have done all we reasonably can to minimise the risk of transmitting the coronavirus, will we be welcoming more children back to school. For this reason, the Board of Directors have asked that we delay the wider opening of our school until at least Monday, 8th June. This will give school leaders and the rest of the staff enough time to put in place all of the new measures that will be required to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I know that many parents and carers will be anxious about this step so we will keep all parents and carers informed of our progress. Once our plans are finalised, I will share these plans with you so that you are able to make an informed decision about sending your child back to school. I am working directly with Mark Davies and the Trust and we will be sending out a letter jointly next week about the steps we are taking.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time for everyone.
Educational Provision for children of critical Key workers and vulnerable children

From Monday 18th May, provision for children of critical key workers and vulnerable children will be back at Parson Street School after 6 weeks at Bridge Learning Campus. An email was sent out on Wednesday to those parents and carers. If you have any questions about the new arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the office by email: office@parsonstreet.com. A big thank you to the staff at Bridge Learning Campus for accommodating us during that time.

Home Learning

I hope the home learning is going well. Please message your class teacher through Class Dojo or the ILDs if you have any questions or concerns and we will do everything we can to support you and your child. Hope you have also had a go at some of the Oracy challenges on Class Dojo. I have with my own family resulting in lots of interesting views and conversations!

Year 6

Ms Lee and Mr Howells will be sending out an email in early June to year 6 parents about ordering end of year Hoodies. There will be an option to get them delivered to your home address this year.

Your teachers have been making contact with the Y7 teachers of the new secondary schools Year 6 will be going to. All secondary schools are making plans on how Y6 transition days might look next term so look out for more information from them soon.

Support

Our Educational Psychologist has been working with her team on some really helpful support resources for parents. This week’s one is a webinar focused on ‘How to Support Your Child in Asking For Help.’ It has been put on the school website at https://www.parsonstreet.com/covid-19-support/

We have also updated the website with the latest Families in Focus Parent Information Bulletin and as well as a message from the Bristol Families in Focus Team offering support and contact details for anyone concerned about Domestic Abuse.

There is lots of support and guidance on our website that might help during these challenging times so please have a look and as always contact us if you need any further advice or support.

Wishing you all well and stay safe

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