



Thomas Johnson Lower School

Excellence and Enjoyment

A Values-based Education School

20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to you for the amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this very difficult time.

It's certainly been a strange and challenging time, and it's completely understandable if you or your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting Helen (remote school number is 07724 181661) and she can pass on your message to the right staff member so that they can call you back.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the following:

- **Challenges:** Miss Greenwood will be posting a **daily Facebook challenge!** This will appear by 9.30am each morning, with answers at 3.30pm. On Friday's she will be posting photos of both staff and children showing what we have all been up to during the week. Please send your photos to her by Thursday of each week by emailing cgreenwood@thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk
- **Work:** All children will receive an invite to join **Google Classroom** tomorrow (Tuesday). Work will start to be loaded onto the classroom this Wednesday. You can email, chat, upload your work with your class teacher using this platform. Please look out for the invitation and guide tomorrow!
- **Books:** Each week we will organise a slot for you to come to the playground and **change your child's reading book**. If you have children in different year groups, you are welcome to exchange both sets of books at this time. You must return the books you have already read - otherwise we will run out of books to share! We ask you to operate strict social distancing at this time for the safety of yourself and others and use the hand gel provided. In order to make this manageable, we are asking that you select books that you feel are appropriate.
- **Keep in touch:** We love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in!

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Warm regards,

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