



Thomas Johnson Lower School
Excellence and Enjoyment

8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

NEW SCHOOL VISION

After what can only be described as a really difficult last term for everyone, we are delighted to be back and launching a new Vision for our school.

Dream-Discover-Flourish

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At the end of this newsletter I have included a copy of the Vision in full. The Governors and staff hope that you will feel that this reflects your own hopes and aspirations for your child. We will be talking about this with the children all of this week, and using it as a way of celebrating effort and achievement, and promoting the highest expectations for your child.

Start and Drop off arrangements

Thank you for bearing with us as we have introduced our staggered starts and finish times. As you can imagine, there have been some teething difficulties which we have looked into. Parents and carers using the main playground will now be able to come into the playground and wait - rather than having to stand outside in the car park area. There will be a separate "zone" for Owls and Foxes parents to stand, which will still allow some social distancing. I appreciate that the walkway to the playground is very narrow - if you wish to wear a face covering please feel free to do so.

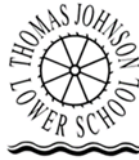
NHS Track and Trace and self isolating

We wanted to notify you that Miss Tyrrell has been contacted by NHS Track and Trace and is therefore now self-isolating as advised. She has no symptoms and has also taken a test which is negative, however she will continue to self-isolate as a further precaution. In her absence, the class will be covered by Mrs Ziemelis and Mrs Martin until she returns. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

If you are contacted by the NHS track and trace, and need to self isolate, please let us know so that your child can be coded as authorised absence. Please get in touch if you have any queries or are unsure. We take everyone's health and safety very seriously and we want to do all we can to minimise transmission. We are happy to help you with any questions, no matter how small.

With kind regards

Marian Haimes **Headteacher**



Our Vision

In September 2020 Staff and Governors reflecting our high aspirations for all

launched a new vision for our pupils pupils in our community.



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Dream of what you might achieve: We want our pupils to have dreams and goals for their own future, and to be enthusiastic in their learning and prepared for life in modern Britain. We encourage our pupils to have high ambitions for themselves. We actively build our pupils' emotional well-being and resilience so that they are in the best place to learn and make progress towards meeting their dreams.

Discover new things within yourself and all around you: Every day our children learn something new and discover things they didn't know before. Our curriculum is designed to promote research, listening, discussion and questioning expertise so that our children develop the knowledge and skills to help them understand the World we live in and make a valuable contribution to it. Through our Values and Feelings educational approach our children discover qualities within themselves that will help them succeed today and tomorrow, such as perseverance, courage, honesty and kindness.

Flourish at what you do and keep trying when things are hard: We want our children to recognise the importance of effort in order to achieve, and that trying hard brings its own rewards. We want them to take ownership of their learning and responsibility for their behaviour. We encourage them to challenge themselves to reach the next level, and celebrate their successes, both academic and social.