

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely, safe weekend with your family.

The speculation about when schools will be asked to re-open seems to intensify with each passing day. Please be assured that the school is making plans, as far as is practical, to re-open once we have the official direction from central government. Our plans centre around the health and safety aspects of children returning to school and, in particular, what social distancing in a primary school may look like. I have been working alongside Haringey officers, and Headteacher colleagues, and will continue to do so.

Once directions from the Government are issued, we will be able to put final detail on our first phase of plans. Once we have this detail, we will communicate these plans to you. We understand this process will raise all sorts of questions, and possibly some anxiety for some of you. Rest assured we will be doing our utmost to make the transition to reopen as safe, and as positive, as we possibly can.

Thank you once again for all families that have engaged with our virtual learning platform, Google Classroom. We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents/carers, and our children, about how well the platform has been working. It is lovely to see such great engagement and creativity from our children. We have also been listening to our parental focus group and taken on board some areas for improving the service. These include:

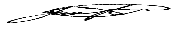
- 1) Teachers will begin scheduling work for the next day, to go live from 7pm the previous day. (i.e. Tuesday's work will go live from 7pm on Monday). This should help parents set up the following day's work earlier and ease the burden on those working from home.
- 2) Teacher feedback. You may see teachers interacting with their class through: comments, letters, pictures and short video clips. This will hopefully allow their students to feel more in touch with the class teacher. We will not, however, be doing any live teaching.
- 3) Teachers will be uploading links to wellbeing websites such as: Yoga, Child mediation and Art therapy.

A reminder that the school understands the pressure on parents/carers during this time. With that in mind, it is not expected that the children complete all work set, nor is it an expectation

that all work is handed back into Goggle Classroom. The children should, however, be attempting to complete some of the tasks that have been set.

If you have any issues regarding Google Classroom, please email the admin team [admin@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk), rather than post on you class page.

Yours sincerely,



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