



Townsend Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had a good and safe half-term break and now that we have the good weather to enjoy! On the 21st June, the Government will announce changes to Covid-19 restrictions. Until then we will continue with the Covid-19 restrictions we have in place.

Thank you to all parents - We have not had to close any hubs/bubbles due to Covid-19 and that is because you have kept children at home when they are unwell. Remember to keep doing this as numbers are rising again.

We continue to have a great deal to do at school, especially during the next 7 weeks left of this school year. We have already begun extra tuition/intervention groups to close the learning gaps. We have carried out a wide range of assessments after each lock-down and the latest shows that 40% - 50% of the children are working within their present year group range. This is the same as most Southwark schools.

All of our assessment shows us that children who have least learning gaps – did most of the on-line learning during the lock downs.

We have already begun interventions to narrow pupils learning gaps

We all know that due to the Covid Lockdowns, all children have missed a great deal of school teaching, and this has resulted in gaps in their learning.



- We have undertaken a variety of assessments after each lockdown.
- These informed teachers of pupils learning gaps in reading, writing, maths and phonics.
- Small groups or individuals receive **extra** teaching, looking at one learning objective or skill that they have not secured.
- These interventions are for phonics, reading, writing or maths.
- They take place daily in the afternoons.
- These groups change daily and are informed by teacher assessment from each lesson.
- We have monitoring in place, and we assess each child individually to see if the learning objective is secure.
- The next 7 weeks will be crucial in closing these gaps and this sort of intervention will have to take place for a long time to come.



What can parents do?

We need **every child** to complete their Doodle Maths, reading, which includes the Accelerated Reader tests or any homework being sent home.

AGAIN – those children who complete doodle maths daily, find it easier to understand what is being taught in lessons.

AGAIN - children who read at home, and complete the Accelerated Reader tests at home, have progressed as much as 1½ years. This means their reading age has risen considerably!

Having difficulties doing on-line learning?



Email the school or speak with Iqbal in the office.

- We might be able to help with a laptop.
- We can show you how to access Doodle maths or accelerated reader.

UNIFORM REMINDER!!

- School uniform **MUST** be worn.
- **All BLACK shoes or trainers**
- NO coloured hairbands or big ribbons.
- **School tie must be worn** in years 3,4,5 &6
- PE kit & Jumpers are sold in the school office

Remember to write your child's name in their school jumper, fleece, trousers & skirts.

Updating the website.

At this moment in time, we are updating the website, so it is easier to negotiate. All information needed is always on the school website.

Next Year.

On a sad, but happy note, Ms. Issy Woodford is leaving us at the end of this year. She wants to travel and see more of the world, so she has secured a job in Dubai. We wish her the very best with her new job.

Any information needed, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email your class teacher on their google email.

I wish everyone a happy and safe last half-term.

Best Wishes

Anne Stonell