



Townsend Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

These last two weeks have been very challenging for all of us, and I know how concerned you are about the future of your child's education. We are here to make sure you are supported throughout this procedure.

Application form requests for other schools

Some of you have decided to look for other schools before September 2022 and this is your right. Today, I have written to Southwark Headteachers requesting they support our school community by ensuring each child has a proper transition period. I have asked, if a school is in the position to offer your child a place, whether they would consider holding the offer open until September 2022 or until we can secure a proper transition to the school of your choice.

I have done this because it is important that all of our children have a chance to say goodbye and have closure on leaving the school, especially during the uncertain and challenging time we live in.

Proposal of closure meetings

The meetings identified the proposal for the closure of Townsend. I know some of you would have liked clearer answers to your questions. The evening and virtual meetings were more straight forward, with clearer explanations behind the proposal to close and what the next actions are. There will be other meetings to keep us all updated.

Thank you for being the best parents in the world

I have often said, - we have the best children and the best parents in the world, this was shown at the meetings. Myself and every member of staff have been **humbled** and proud by your heartfelt words and the passion shown by you all when asking questions during these meetings. The questions were articulate, challenging and powerful. I know, I had to hide my tears on occasions, as have many of the other members of staff. We love our children and we only want the best for them.



We are here for you!

Please do not hesitate to speak with any of us if you have any questions or queries or just need someone to talk with. I am in the playground in the mornings, as is our SENCo Nicola. Rose, Fatima and Iqbal are always available in the school office and teachers are in the playground at the end of the day. We are always at the end of a telephone or we can arrange a time to meet with you.

Next Steps

Parental Meetings

We will keep you updated with the parent meetings being arranged.

Visits to other schools

This is an area that I am uncertain about, because we have to wait for the Consultation Period (6 weeks) to be completed and for the Local Authority to give us their decision. However as soon as I have any information I will update you.

Learning at Townsend Primary

We will continue to teach our children to the same high standard we always have. We still need to narrow the learning gaps due to Covid lockdowns, so homework will continue.

Christmas at Townsend with Covid



The Government is continuing to send out instructions regarding the new Covid variant. All adults in school must wear a face covering when out of their classrooms.

We have stopped having whole school assemblies – except for today because we turned on our Christmas tree lights.

School discos will be with their class in their classrooms on Thursday 16th December. Christmas lunch and 'Wear your Christmas jumper or hat to school day' will go ahead also on Thursday 16th December.

We will keep you updated about the Christmas events. We may record the Christmas show and make it available on Google Classroom. Townsend children/parents already have their usernames and passwords. **Remember if you do not want your child to be filmed let the office know.**



**REMEMBER SCHOOL IS CLOSED
MONDAY 6th DECEMBER
- SCHOOL INSET DAY-**

School reopens on Tuesday 7th December

The last day of term is Friday 17th December and school will close at 1.30pm. School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Once again, thank you for being such fantastic parents, I am so proud of every one of you!

Best Wishes

Mrs Anne Stonell
Headteacher