



## Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We cannot believe it has already been two weeks since some of our lovely year 6 have been welcomed back to school! It has been great to see a few more join their bubbles and being able to see their friends and teachers again. We are now ready to welcome back our Reception and Year 1 children; the classrooms are ready and we cannot wait to see the children on Monday!

The key worker bubble has settled very well in the new location in the house, they have been able to take advantage of the kitchen and have baked delicious banana bread!

Thank you to those children and families who have completed and returned the questionnaire. We really value your feedback as it helps us continue to develop better ways to support you and your children during these difficult times. Do let us know what has been helpful and what else we could do to support you. If you haven't returned the questionnaire yet, please email it to [admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk).

Some families pointed out that the children had not realised that the spanish blog, the music blog, the ELSA blog and the assemblies blog was for them as well. All the blogs are accessible to every child so please use them and let us know if you enjoy them!

Since school closures, the children have had to spend a lot more time online on a variety of devices. As fantastic as this has been for their continued learning and for keeping in touch with friends and family, it may have also have brought some challenges. Spending too much time in front of a screen is not healthy, we want to encourage all children to spend time outside doing physical exercise.

Furthermore, children need to be even more aware of how to keep themselves safe online; on our website there is a "Family Online Safety" banner which takes you to a variety of resources and presentations on how to keep safe. There have been a few issues that children reported to their teachers during the weekly phonecalls around the use of an online platform called "Roblox". Below there are a few links which will enable children and families feel safer when using social platforms.

I am also attaching a Roblox parent guide to this newsletter.

FOR PUPILS

**Kids section** - play the game and watch the videos

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

FOR PARENTS

**ThinkUKnow Play-Like-Share Parent Section** - information on the game and videos and further advice about online games and chat

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>

Parental Guidance

**NSPCC Net Aware Roblox advice** (We share this with parents at the Online Safety Workshop in school)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>



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### Connect Safely - Roblox guidance

Useful advice about age restrictions for parents

<https://www.connectsafely.org/roblox/#:~:text=Players%20age%2013%20and%20older,by%20players%2013%20and%20older.>

### Roblox parent section

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/categories/200213830-Parents-Safety-and-Moderation>

I hope you will find these links useful.

Stay safe healthy and kind

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, acting head teacher