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Returning to the Year 6 Classroom on Monday 8th June

Dear children, parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and we just wanted to say how proud we are for the way you have adapted to all of the changes in the last few weeks. You have engaged so well with the remote learning and have worked really hard. We have all missed seeing both children and parents!

Below are some details for you to read together to help you understand what coming back to Virginia will be like for Year 6 next week.

Coming into school and playtimes

You will be entering and leaving the school through the main gate at staggered times. The government recommends that just one adult brings you to school and says goodbye without entering on to the playground, so your parents will leave you at the gate or just before to avoid over-crowding the entrance. Salma, Aoife and Barbara will be there to meet you and show you where to stand ready to come in. Remember we must all try to keep the 2-metre social distancing rule.

You will wash your hands on entry and every time we leave the class.

You will have your playtime in the playground with your group (we also call this a bubble). You will have your own playground equipment to take out with you.

Your learning

In preparation for your transition into Year 7 next term, we want to help you feel confident with your learning, so we will be focusing on different aspect of maths, English, grammar and topic as well as doing sports, PHSE and circle time. **On Thursdays you will start school at 12.25 and finish at 3.35. Please come to school wearing your P.E Kit as you will have BADU sports on that day. You do not need to bring your uniform to change into.**



In class

The government states that classrooms should not exceed 15 children, we will be splitting into two very small groups. We have spaced out the tables to socially distance as much as possible in class, but as we have said before it is very difficult to promise strict social distancing rules in a primary school. For this reason, we will spend as much learning time as possible outside (weather permitting) working in the fresh air and sunshine, soaking up the Vitamin D! Therefore, please ensure you wear sun hats, sun cream and have a water bottle every day. Please do not bring in your book bag. School will provide your stationary which will be in your trays along with all your books. We will give social distancing reminders and encourage good hygiene and regular hand washing throughout the day.

Alongside ensuring that we are doing everything we can to minimise risks and keep children and staff as safe as possible during these unprecedented times, we believe it extremely important to focus on the children's learning and emotional wellbeing, especially as this is their last term at primary school before moving on. It is especially important to us that they have a good last term with their friends and teachers and feel emotionally ready for the upcoming change. We will endeavour to do our best to ensure the children have an enjoyable, unpressured and relaxing term so that they can feel ready to leave Virginia at the end of the term. Ready for their next adventure!

Logistics

You are in Group 1 with Salma.

Your day will start at 8.55 and finish at 11.55

Break time will be at 10.20

If you have any immediate questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us via email admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Also attached to this letter is a social story that you can read together as a family which may help your child feel more prepared for the return.

Could I please ask that your child arrives on time and is not late because of social distancing.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in the coming term.

Best wishes,

Barbara, Salma and Aoife.

