



26th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another week has passed which means it is time for another update from us all here at The Willows. We hope your week has had positive moments and happy times, especially in the wonderful sunshine and of course now that the pandemic restrictions are slowly being lifted. I suspect most of you, like me, have been delighted to meet up with family members and spend some much longed for time together.

We began the week on an extremely positive note as Gavin Williamson has announced that the government wants to see ALL children return to school in September. We were thrilled with this news and are eagerly awaiting the guidance from the DfE (Department for Education) to tell us how they would like us to do this. (It is expected to be published by the end of next week). We will confirm our plans with you once they have been finalised and approved by the school governors.

We hope all the children at home have received their Zoom call details. I know that the staff at school are super excited to see them again next week and are really looking forward to making connections with them all. I am aware that some children (and parents) may appreciate alternative more 'private' methods of communicating with us here at school. I have attached a 'Home Learning Feedback Form' that children might like to complete and return to us and have re-attached a slightly amended 'Parental Lock Down Feedback Sheet' if adults would like to tell us anything. However, please also note that we are more than happy to speak on the phone or communicate via email if you have information to give us or questions to ask.

We have another fabulous event to look forward to next week that will involve ALL children, both at home and in school. The Trafford Sports Partnership (of which we are members) has organised a virtual Sports Day for Wednesday 1st July 2020. This consists of a range of activities that can take place anywhere and observe social distancing guidelines. Mr Codd will be writing out with details, which include a Powerpoint Presentation and videos explaining the events and a link to a 'Virtual Score Board' so that the whole school's results can be collated and then entered into an inter schools competition. We will be taking part in school and encourage as many of you as possible to take part at home too.

We believe that we are a special school community. We love having children back in school and are constantly thinking about those still at home. We are always looking for the positives and the good that can come out of challenging circumstances and encouraging our children to do the same. We do see a glimmer of hope on the horizon as we can now think about possible holiday destinations and the return of every member of our school family in September.

Take care,

Mrs Warren