

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Summer Planning 29-06-2020

The warm weather is upon us with temperatures above 30 degrees this week! We have been encouraging everyone to drink plenty of water and to try and keep as cool as possible. Luckily, we have air conditioning in our upstairs classrooms which provides welcome relief for learners.

It's summer event time and we would normally be planning parent's evenings, sports days and Graduations. Sadly, we are not able to deliver 'normal' under current guidance from the Government as gatherings of this size are not yet allowed. From next weekend, many of the restrictions may be lifted. As we begin looking forward to going out and seeing friends and family, attending pubs and shops, maybe even getting a haircut, many are still worried and anxious. It seems sensible to be vigilant, continue to follow social distancing guidelines, wash hands thoroughly and wear masks on public transport.

As the government eases restrictions, we will be able to open the school to families and potentially deliver **Sports Day on the 16th of July** so put that date in your diary. We may have to deliver parents' evening remotely but will provide information about this in next week's letter. We hope to run sports day from 12:30pm—1:30 after which food and refreshments will be served outside. We will finish the day by awarding medals and celebrating the achievements of our Graduates. We will also welcome new learners and their families to our school community as well as celebrating some of the successes our boys have had this year. Keep an eye out for the flyer once the government finalises its relaxation plans.

As we turn towards summer fun, parties and BBQ, we still acknowledge that so many of us have experienced loss and disruption to our lives due to COVID-19. We think it makes this celebration all the more important so we do hope you will attend. If you are struggling with loss, isolation or simply need a different face to talk to please contact us and we will endeavour to provide support.

Learning at Nightingale Community Academy has almost returned to normal. The children are attending their lessons and coming to school in greater numbers by the day. We are pleased that the boys are back in school and experiencing classroom routines, socialisation and access to the open spaces we have here. It is clear that, for the majority of our learners, the safest place for them to be is in school. Advice and guidance from the Local Authority, Government and health professionals is that children and young people, like ours, with EHCPs should be in school every day unless they are specifically shielding a family member or are unwell.

A reminder: your Free School Meals eligibility forms should still be coming in so that we can identify those who are able to receive food vouchers, redeemable at your local shops every week. It is important that we review FSM eligibility for all of our families as the release of Free School Meal Vouchers will happen throughout the summer holidays for all who are eligible. Please read through my letter on Free School Meals from last week's newsletter and complete the attached form.

Our Outstanding Pupils last week were:

Learning Heroes!	
Key Stage 1	
Cherry	Sam, Lavell, Sonny
Key Stage 2	
Willow	Harvey
Oak	Leo
Maple	Ryan
Key Stage 3	
Year 7	Jay and Jaden
Year 8	Brandon P and Kiki
Year 9	Reece and Kieran
Key Stage 4	
Year 10	Shaun
Year 11	Rashawn T

Excellent Attenders 100%!!!	
Key Stage 1	
Cherry	Sam, Mack, Archie
Key Stage 2	
Willow	Stuart, Harvey, Kayson
Oak	Ashley, Leo, Dorian, Dren, Tyler
Maple	Jerry, Kayden, Ryan
Key Stage 3	
Year 7	Jay
Year 8	Brandon P, Kiki
Year 9	Reece and Kieran
Key Stage 4	
Year 10	Matiewos and Shun
Year 11	Rashawn T

Congratulations boys! Especially those with 100% attendance in school or online!

Since returning behaviour has been exceptional across the school. The children have been very welcoming to our new starters and I have noticed boys taking time out to greet families on a visit to the school. A particular highlight was Anthony and Martin who greeted a new learner and offered to be friends and to play football with him. It is heart-warming to see how much our learners have grown. They can do amazing things and are capable of so much care and kindness. I am so proud to be a part of this community of amazing people, from our children, to our families and our staff who have been spectacular throughout the crisis.

I hope that you too are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel, or at least enjoying the summer sun! We will continue to provide as much detail as possible in our **communication to parents and carers** but if you have any questions or feel like we have missed something please get in touch and let us know. We continue to update our Covid-19 Risk Assessment in line with Government guidance. Email info@nightingaleca.org or call reception. For those of you who are uncertain about transport arrangements, the local authority teams can be reached on the following numbers:

Borough	Contact Number	Borough	Contact Number
Wandsworth	020 8871 7977	Southwark	020 7703 6180
Lambeth	020 7926 6839	Kingston	020 8547 5540
Croydon	020 8686 2215	Hounslow	07476310089
Merton	020 8545 3286	Surrey 1	07563544522
Lewisham	020 3049 1204	Surrey 2	07532816360

Keep well and stay safe,

Jimmy Brownell
 Assistant Principal