



# GROSVENOR PARK C OF E ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

*'A voice for every child'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The first week of 2021 is drawing to a close and what a week it has been. On Monday the team welcomed back the children and we were looking forward to a busy term – during my virtual assembly I spoke about how the start of a New Year is an opportunity for fresh starts and the chance to make new resolutions. Then later on we heard the news that sadly once again it would be necessary to close schools. On Tuesday the team worked incredibly hard to plan and prepare our critical worker provision and get ready to return once more to remote learning. Wednesday dawned and a new chapter began.

This week our wonderful children have again demonstrated their resilience, positivity and support for each other. I am incredibly proud of the Grosvenor Park Community. Together we are striving to virtually replicate a school day for the children through the use of Zoom and Google Classroom while providing provision for our critical worker children. The teachers have reported that engagement levels are high, and the children are working hard at home.

With weeks of remote learning ahead of us we are determined to ensure that it is productive and enables you to continue to function as a family. We are aiming to strike a balance between academic study and supporting well-being for all. If you need any help accessing remote learning please get in touch in the first instance with your class teacher. I'm sure over the coming weeks our remote learning will continue to evolve. We will survey how well it is going and adapt and tweak accordingly - our aim is to maintain a sense of community and this will continue. It is more important than ever.

This lockdown is a return to the one we experienced last March. A complete national shutdown to prevent the transmission of the virus in order to protect the community and save lives. This has meant that we have had to make some very difficult decisions identifying critical workers and offering places. Guidance states that critical workers should keep their children at home if they can. As a school leader having to balance all these factors to ensure that our own community is safe and protected is tough. During the week myself and the office team have had many conversations about this, and we thank you for your support and understanding. The team and I are committed to supporting you as much as possible during this difficult time.

Stay safe.

R. Clark  
Head of School