



**Jessop Stockwell Federation**  
**Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I write with an update on the recent release of guidance on 'The Wider Opening of Education' as published by the Department for Education.

As part of the 'Recovery Group' working with the Local Authority, this morning, I met with senior delegates in Health & Safety, Transport, Safeguarding, Early Years, Education Strategy, SEND and Public Health.

In this brief update, I wish to capture the essence of what is most pertinent to our school, in order to keep you abreast of what has been outlined as an expectation by the government.

### **Who**

- School Leaders are expected to prepare for the return of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **only, from June 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Families previously identified as Key Workers, vulnerable children or those with Education Health Care Plans are able to continue attending school (including children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5)
- The **hope** is that all other year groups (Year 2, 3, 4 and 5) may return for the final month of the academic year (July)

### **Safety Measures**

- School Leaders are expected to plan for teaching groups of 15 children in classrooms, and more in larger areas like hall spaces
- Regular cleansing of surfaces
- Staggered timetables

### **Initial next steps for us**

- Risk assess the requirements against what is feasible (share with Parents & Carers)
- Identify who will be choosing to send their children to school (weekly), for planning purposes only
- Plan
- Execute
- Refine (consult/ongoing)

### **Points for consideration**

- Safeguarding (including preparation and training)
- Wellbeing (Pupils, Staff, Parents)
- The development of 'Virtual School' for home schooling year groups and access to education materials for families who choose not to send their children into school
- Siblings

Please note, as a key point of reassurance, there will be no pressure placed on families to send their children to school during this intermediate period of transition.

The details of what will sit beneath these headlines (and more) will be shared with you in due course.

To enable our planning strategy, you will receive surveys to support us in being able to solicit, efficiently, information from you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

### **Competition Time**

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition last week and congratulations to all of our winners. Thank you for your patience in the delayed release of our Competition Newsletter.

If you missed it, our latest BJS Partnership Competition Newsletter can be found using this link

<https://www.smore.com/hkq4b>

### **This Week's Competition**

To design and make a costume under the theme: **'Where am I going... who will I become?'**

This can be submitted in two ways...

- a) A sketch
- or
- b) Photograph

### **Judging Criteria**

- 1) Use of appropriate household products
- 2) Wear ability
- 3) Clarity

Ensure you upload your entries to [bjspartnershipcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:bjspartnershipcompetition@gmail.com) by **Friday 12pm**. Remember to include your child's name, school and year group in your email.

Winners will be announced on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, along with next week's competition.

Please remember, all previous letters can be found on the school's website under our COVID-19 tab.

Keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Regards,



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