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COVID-19 partial school closure update June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Wider re-opening of schools

I would like to offer my apology for the short notice in the change of plans to open school to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 this week. As always, the health and safety of our school community is the highest priority and was the driving force behind the decision to postpone re-opening by the Enquire Learning Trust. We are continuing to focus on the revised date for re-opening of the week beginning 22nd June and will progress with a phased return of year groups across that week. I will be writing (via e-mail) to all families who had previously requested a place in one of the new class bubbles to update on new dates for returning to school. Any parents who did not request a place initially who would now like their child to return when wider re-opening begins is asked to contact school by e-mail (admin@endeavouracademy.org.uk) or telephone (0161 368 3366) so their child can be allocated a class bubble. We will be unable to accept any children arriving at school without prior arrangement.

Home Learning

Our home school offer continues for all pupils but we have become aware of a sharp decline in pupils accessing or completing the work. Careful planning goes into each week's package to provide structure and routine and develop tasks that can be done largely independently whilst following a similar learning path to that which pupils would be following if in school. A focus on 'sticky knowledge' to support pupils in recalling and using previous learning is also a key feature of our offer.

Home learning packs can be accessed each week in any of the four following ways:

- via the 'Home Learning' tab on the school website (www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/home-learning) ;
- via Purple Mash (follow this link to see how you/your child can download the packs each week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMIl-L1CV2Q>);
- through the class 'teams' page *or*
- printed copy collectable from the school office at your convenience.

School closure over the summer break

All the Enquire Learning Trust schools will close as usual for the summer holidays. This includes our child care provision for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. Endeavour Academy will close on Thursday 23rd July. This will allow essential works to take place in school and key preparations to be made to ensure a successful start to the new school year for all children. The new school year will begin for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September. A full copy of term dates for the 2020/21 academic year is available on the school website (<https://www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/termdates>).

We will keep summer closure under review should we receive further instructions from the Department of Education.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Families eligible for benefits related free school meals are entitled to a voucher to the value of £15 per child per week (excluding Nursery age children). If you are not currently part of the scheme but think this might apply to you, select 'free school meals' under the parent tab on the school website (www.endeavouracademy.org.uk/parents/free-school-meals) to check your eligibility. Once your eligibility is confirmed we can arrange for vouchers to be emailed to you weekly throughout the time school is closed.

Tameside Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme for Tameside Libraries summer reading challenge is 'Silly Squad' and is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. Each year, the challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure, providing lots of fun and enjoyment as well as helping to prevent any reading 'dip' that may occur as a result of being away from school. This year's challenge encourages children to read whatever makes them happy and children can sign up straight away by selecting 'Join the Challenge' through the following link: www.sillysquad.org.uk

Each time your child finishes a book they can add it to their profile and are rewarded with activities, online badges, videos and games. There are also downloadable quizzes, activities and games available each week. Once their challenge is complete, your child will receive a downloadable certificate which we would love for them to bring into school (when things return to normal) so we can recognise their achievement and celebrate their success in one of our assemblies.

Reading continues to be high priority at Endeavour Academy and we would strongly recommend all our children to sign up to and enjoy this challenge.

Wishing you continued good health and thanking you once again for your support,

Carol Rhodes
(Headteacher)

