



17 September 2020

Dear Parents,

One of the many brilliant aspects of Dolphin School is the level of care that is shown to one another by pupils, staff and parents.

Thank you for the consideration you are showing for our school community when weighing up what to do if your child appears unwell. I hope that the attached flow chart may help you as you decide whether or not your child is well enough to attend school. I know that not only will you be using your common sense, but also following the advice available to ensure that you are keeping your child, family and school family safe in these challenging times.

As we are unable to hold our usual Launch event to start the new year, all the class teachers have produced a guide to the year ahead for their class. Looking ahead for 2020-2021 we have chosen "Vision" as our theme. Throughout whatever twists and turns may be in store, a wonderful year of growth and development lies ahead.

At what may be an anxious time, with restrictions and social distancing to combat a global pandemic, our vision is still clear that every child is unique and loved for who they are; our children will be nurtured and enabled to be the best they can be grounded in Christian values; our dedicated staff team will provide exemplary teaching to enrich learning; and we will promote a joyful environment where relationships matter, curiosity about the world is promoted and success in all its varied forms is celebrated.

## Year 4 Emeralds - Science



Year Four pupils were investigating in the secret garden again this week, but this time they were on a mission to identify living things in their habitats. Our industrious scientists were particularly excited by a giant earthworm found in the micro habitat of the bark surface on the ground. They were able to identify a wide range of creatures in the micro and macro habitats there. Well done Emeralds - what extraordinary ecologists you are proving to be.



### **Year 2 Sapphires - Science**

Year 2 Sapphires have begun investigating materials in Science. This week we have been out on a walk to explore the roads close to Dolphin School, and to observe and record which materials have been used to make different things. We found plastic, wood, glass, brick, concrete and several types of metal. We discussed why different materials are suitable for different uses.



## Photographer

A small reminder that we will be having a professional photographer in school (socially distanced and safety precautions accounted for) on Tuesday 22 September. Could we ask that especially on that day, your children arrive at school looking sharp- hair, shoes and uniform looking clean and tidy.

## Scaffolding

In the interest of Health and Safety we are asking the children not to play on the scaffolding outside the school office, however tempting it may appear, and not to play with the foam cladding on the scaffolding poles. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

## Get Ready – Friday 18 September 09:30-10:30

An email with log in details for this event has been sent to Year 4, 5 and 6 parents. If you have not received the email, please contact Mrs Saunders.

[receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk](mailto:receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk)

## **Open Day**

### **Virtual Open Events – Alleyn's**

Like most schools, Alleyn's is not open to visitors this term, and instead they would like to invite families who would normally attend an open event on site to find out about life at Alleyn's and the 11+ process via their Virtually Alleyn's Open Event.

You may [view the View the Virtually Alleyn's Open Event here.](#)

### **Virtual Meetings**

In addition to the virtual open events, Alleyn's are also inviting parents of Year 6 pupils to join an informal small group discussion with a member of the Senior Management Team and Admissions Team to learn more about the admissions process. These meetings will take place via Zoom in groups of up to 6 families which will afford the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Families may register for these chats via the same link as the virtual open events.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

**Mrs N S Baldwin**  
**Principal**