



# The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well.

I know that when I wrote to Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five parents last week, they will have been extremely disappointed to hear that we are unable to take children from those year groups back into school before the end of this term.

To reiterate, we would love to have all Eliot Bank children back in school before the end of term. However, with increasing numbers of critical worker, Reception, Year One and Year Six children in school, all in groups of no more than 15, we simply will not have the rooms, or the staff, to welcome pupils from any other year groups.

Since school closure in March, we have continued to revise and enhance the remote learning offer made to Eliot Bank families. Most recently, we have added to our YouTube channel with lessons, planned and delivered by our teachers.

## Remote Learning

We are pleased to inform you that, going forward, we will soon be using a highly recommended learning platform, Google Classroom, so that teachers can communicate with children at home in a more interactive way; we plan to send you more details about this soon. Although the majority of our teachers are now leading, 'Bubble Classes,' in school you will still receive Keeping in Touch Letters and weekly learning tasks, planned and designed by our teachers, via the website.

## Contact Calls

Teachers are starting to make contact calls to check in with children in their classes. **We have prioritised children not currently in school to receive these calls in the first instance.**

Teachers will call a few families a day to talk with children about their learning and to remind them that we expect them to be completing learning at home.

The calls will also give your children an opportunity to engage with their teachers and share what they have been doing since partial school closure.



Finally, we have been thinking about how to end the school year in a way that enables your children to feel a connection with their teachers, both the current teacher and the teacher who will be teaching them in the new academic year. Our thoughts are taking shape and they will be influenced further when we know more from the government about what school will look like in September 2020 – we will update you when we can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing suggestions and support.

Best Wishes,



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