

Hello Everybody,

I hope you're all well and have had a good week. This weeks newsletter is below and is jam packed with the fun we've had; and you can see more on our website www.thegreenroomschool.com.

There are a couple of items below I'd like to draw your attention to.

Face-to-Face School Time in our Outside Spaces

We have been absolutely delighted with the level of engagement in our virtual schools. As might be expected, however, there are some young people who struggle with working online from home and despite their parents best efforts and all the scaffolding we put in (providing the technology, money for food, brilliant lessons and activities, pastoral support and therapy) we want to help them further. It's for this reason we've shared our Market Gardens on both sites and our Animals and Gym Space at GRK to selected young people so they can spend some face to face time (at an appropriate distance) with highly experience team members to help them with the mental health difficulties the lockdown has caused. So far we have had a handful of sessions and they are proving to be very positive so these will continue.

Back to School?

Thinking about how we can further support these young people, we are planning to open up the physical schools for a small group for a section of the school day - we're trialling this approach in Windsor first. Obviously, our first priority is safety - we do not under estimate the possible effects of the coronavirus on our pupils or our team. Our premises are being deep cleaned and safety systems are being implemented. We'll keep you fully informed of our plans.

New to The Green Room

We're also speaking to new families to fill the slots that will be vacated by Year 11's and Year 13's; and we're working out the safest, most practical way to conduct the admissions process effectively, and then integrate them into our community when the time comes.

I'll finish with a couple of quotes from parents this week:

"Hats off to you guys at The Green Room - you're the only ones I know of that are running a full virtual school. Other schools are just sending work in drips and drabs; you're the only ones that have a full timetable for our children. It must be a lot of work so thank you" – From pupil mum

"My son is staying sane due to the virtual schooling so a big thank you for that too" - From pupil mum

Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe.

Best Regards,

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