



16th May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

SCHOOL IS OPEN ON MONDAY!

Despite what you may have been told, there is no day off on Monday 20th May. It's not an INSET (teacher training) day or bank holiday - **it is a normal day** and all children must come to school as normal. It is the last week of term, with the following week being half term when you will have a week off, so enjoy the rest then.

Please note that letters or leaflets given out on the pavements are NOT from Anderton Park School. Letters given out by school will be given to children to take home or sent via post.

As always, come and talk to any member of staff about any questions or concerns you have. This has always been the case here and always will be. The first few parent meetings about our books have been excellent. Please watch our video on our website if you haven't already, to find some answers to your questions. You can find it here - <http://www.andertonparkschool.org/school/equality>. Additionally we have put all the information, letters and newsletters regarding equality & LGBT we've previously sent on this page as well.

Last night on BBC2's Newsnight, Imam Ibrahim Mogra said the following -

"I am very disappointed that these parents chose to behave in the way they behaved about an issue. To set that as an example to our children, screaming and shouting - what lesson are we teaching our children? We really need to calm down and think carefully. It's a partnership between the school and the home. Our children need to appreciate that we live in a society that is forever changing, is very diverse and that there is a law that gives protection to all of us equally - we are all equal before the law. I don't for one believe that there is an active effort on the part of the LGBT community to try to convert me and others to become gay. It's something you don't choose to opt in or out of. From what I understand the whole driver for this is not the promotion of an LGBT agenda, it's about inclusivity and ensuring that the bullying of such communities is ended. Where else are our children going to learn that our communities are very diverse and we have to respect that?"

Excellent words. If you have time, please find the programme on BBC iPlayer to watch for yourself. I will be addressing the homophobic comments that were made in the Whatsapp group with the individuals who made them. There is no place in any of our lives for hatred or intolerance. It is our job in school to challenge intolerance and to promote understanding of all aspects of equality. It's our job as parents to do the same.

Again, SCHOOL IS OPEN on Monday for all children to continue as normal with their great lessons, learning, playtimes and fun. Come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hewitt-Clarkson
Headteacher