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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME LEARNING

Dear parents,

Following the Government's announcement on Monday evening, we have been working very hard to prepare high quality, accessible remote learning resources for the children who are learning at home. Alongside this, we have been planning the most effective way to organise the learning in school for our key worker and vulnerable children who need to be in school. We would like to thank you for your patience and support as we have been making our preparations.

I just want to clarify information around our Remote Learning offer:-

### Home learning newsletter and timetable

- Teachers will be sending out a home learning newsletter via parentmail every Friday afternoon which outlines the work for the week ahead so please keep your eye out for that.
- Please read the home learning newsletter very carefully. The website links have been very carefully selected to both consolidate prior learning and move children's learning forward. These fit into a sequence of learning and include some recorded or live videos of lessons which will teach key concepts.
- Teachers have tried to pitch the work at a level which means that children can access much of the work independently and so not always relying on parent input.
- A suggested timetable to structure the home learning will also be provided – this will give 3-4 hours per day of work.

*Please note that this is our core offer which will be enriched and enhanced as we move forward. We will be looking at providing recorded lessons from the teachers but this will take time to set up.*

### Feedback to children

- Each child should now have a home learning exercise book to record their learning. (Contact us if they have not received one.) This will be looked at by the class teacher when children return and feedback will be given to all the children.
- During the weekly phone calls, staff will also give feedback on tasks children have completed, if this is possible.
- It would be great if you could upload photographs of what you have been doing at home onto the school Facebook page to share with the school community. Teachers would love to see these.

### Phone calls home

- Class teachers or learning support assistants will be telephoning each family once a week to check in with you to see how the home learning is going and to offer advice.
- Staff may well be contacting you using their mobile phones so please answer unknown caller or blocked numbers.

### Reading books

- Next week we will be organising the distribution of reading books to our home learners.
- In Early Years and Key Stage 1 teachers will be providing links to online reading books in their newsletter.

### **Home learning issues/online safety**

- We will be including some work on online safety in our home learning offer.
- If any children are struggling to access an electronic device to support their learning then please speak to the school.
- Lucy Parkin ([lucy.parkin@grettonprimary.org](mailto:lucy.parkin@grettonprimary.org)) may be able to offer advice on log ins and online learning platforms if you need support with this.

### **Safeguarding, welfare and support**

- Please feel free to contact Mrs Moore, our pastoral assistant ([hannah.moore@grettonprimary.org](mailto:hannah.moore@grettonprimary.org)) if you would like to discuss the well-being of your child or feel that he or she would benefit from some pastoral support.
- We realise that children will be missing out on social contact with other children so perhaps parents could set up a Zoom call for a group of their friends.
- We appreciate that these are very challenging times; we have attached a poster to signpost families to support channels. Our school website also has links to mental health and wellbeing support.  
[www.grettonprimary.org.uk/homelearning/well-being-for-all](http://www.grettonprimary.org.uk/homelearning/well-being-for-all)

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please contact Mrs MacDonald:-  
[jane.macdonald@grettonprimary.org](mailto:jane.macdonald@grettonprimary.org).

### **Free school Meals**

We have issued vouchers to every family who is eligible for pupil premium funding and free school meals. If you have any problems in accessing these then please contact Mrs Crawford. [paula.crawford@grettonprimary.org](mailto:paula.crawford@grettonprimary.org)

### **We are here to help**

Once again, I would like to apologise for the disruption to your child's learning caused by having to close the school to all but key worker and vulnerable children. Teachers are working extremely hard to plan high quality remote learning resources as well as teaching the key worker children so please bear with us as we adjust to this new routine. Please be assured that once the children are back in school we will be assessing any gaps in learning and then working hard to fill them.

Remember that we are here to support you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or issues.

Yours sincerely,



Jane MacDonald and the Gretton team.

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*Please see the attached Remote Learning Policy which explains more about our home learning strategy.*