



GREENFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Firstly, I hope you are all well and had a lovely Christmas, or managed to have the best time you could.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, we are in a 'high risk' area and must, therefore, adhere to the Government's 'Contingency Framework' Guidelines. This means that we have now been instructed to close our school to almost all children until further notice. We, potentially, could be re-opening on 18th January 2021 but, again, I am awaiting further confirmation of our opening date.

As advised by the Government, we will be open for the children of Key Workers (e.g. NHS staff, Police, Education staff and others in frontline services) and our most vulnerable pupils.

As ever, we have only received the Guidance at the same time as you did, on the news with no prior-warning. As a Leadership Team, we are currently working on how we can implement the updated changes. It is going to be incredibly challenging to teach children in school as well as effectively teach children remotely at home simultaneously. This is because our staff cannot be in two places at once. Therefore, our school term will start on Tuesday 5th January both remotely and for the Key Worker/Vulnerable Children.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue provision – most likely as we did before with home food packs, but please await confirmation.

Remote Learning

From the 5th January, children at home will receive remote learning from their teacher as before with a daily email stating which sites to use and the expected work. We will continue to use Tapestry in early years and Oak Academy for years 1-6, as well as Education City and Purple Mash.

For those children, who do not have access to the virtual learning platform, paper copies of learning will be provided. Teachers may also direct children to relevant material on White Rose, Read, Write Inc or BBC Bitesize. Children should do their work on paper. If you require this, please contact the school to arrange resources.

As part of our remote learning offer teachers will:

- set work for children in accordance with their school timetable;
- set high quality tasks for pupils and provide feedback on the work submitted to them so that your child can continue to progress and acquire new knowledge and skills in their home environment.
- Where possible, there will be a daily 'live' morning register where pupils can speak to their teacher / daily phone time to speak to a member of the class.
- All children and parents have access to online learning platforms as logins are in the child's Reading Record Book.

The timetable below will begin on Tuesday 5th January. We encourage you to keep to the timings of the school day as much as you can and keep your children in the rhythm of school life.

Daily Remote Learning Timetable

Year Groups	Activities
Nursery / Reception / Y1	Daily English lesson Daily maths lesson using Oak Academy Reading – 15 minutes expected Phonics – online activity Afternoon learning session Daily exercise
Years 2-6	Daily English lesson Daily maths lesson using Oak Academy Reading – 30 minutes expected Spelling/ handwriting/ comprehension tasks Afternoon learning sessions Daily exercise

We readily acknowledge that this is a new way of teaching and learning that is unfamiliar both to pupils and to their teachers. Please bear with us as we learn new skills too. We will endeavour to make this transition as smoothly as possible.

Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school promptly and alternative solutions will be made available (e.g. paper copies of work, etc.). These will be discussed on a case-to-case basis.

Key Worker/Vulnerable Pupils School Timetable

The start and end of day times for all Keyworker children can be seen in the table below:

Class	Start Times	Finish Times
Nursery	9.00a.m.	12.00 noon / 3pm for 30 hours
Reception	9.00a.m.	3.15p.m.
Year 1	8.45a.m.	3.15.p.m.
Year 2	8.45a.m.	3.15p.m.
Year 3	8.45 a.m.	3.20p.m.
Year 4	8.45 a.m.	3.20p.m.
Year 5	8.45 a.m.	3.20p.m.
Year 6	8.45 a.m.	3.20p.m.

Breakfast Club / After School provision

We are very pleased to convey that the Breakfast Club will be open from 7.45a.m. on Tuesday 5th January. Children will be placed in areas of the dining hall with other children from their cohort to maintain bubbles. All the usual breakfast offerings will be available. School staff will need to maintain a 2 metres distance from the children at all times, apart from in an emergency situation. Should such a situation arise, staff will wear PPE equipment. Please note, if a child/staff member in the Breakfast Club or Keyworker Group catches Covid-19, the entire Breakfast Club bubble & Key Worker bubble will be sent home and told to isolate for 10 days.

Unfortunately we will not be able to offer any after school provision as these are all offered by outside providers.

Finally, this is as much as we know at present and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal but we will continue to keep you in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via admin@greenfields.herts.sch.uk.

Please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please visit the NHS 111 website.

Thank you again for your continued support and we will be in touch with more information when it becomes available to us.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Day". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Headteacher