



Greenway Primary  
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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Coronavirus (COVID 19) Update (6)**

As school closes for the vast majority of pupils for the unforeseeable future I just wanted to write to reiterate my thanks to you all for your understanding over the past few weeks and to say thank you again for all the supportive emails that my staff and I have received. These have been much appreciated!

Your children have been fantastic considering the circumstances we find ourselves in and I know that many have asked when they will be coming back to school – this I cannot answer. We find ourselves in unprecedented circumstances

We understand that this is going to be an extraordinarily difficult time for all of us in the weeks and months ahead. It is inevitable that pupils are going to ask you as their parents/carers to see their friends.

### **Communication**

If at anytime you need to contact the school please email [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk). This email address will be regularly checked. From next week the school will be open 9-3.15pm on a reduced provision basis to the categories of children identified in earlier correspondence and staff will be on a rota to support the delivery of this.

**For the sake of clarity, where one parent is a critical/key worker then they will be eligible for educational provision for their child if this cannot be provided for at home ie it is not the case that both parents have to be critical/key workers.**

### **Home Learning**

Teachers will be preparing remote learning activities for their classes on Monday 23 March and we are intending for this will be uploaded on the school website under each class page by the end of the

day. This work is there to support you. Please do not feel that all of the work set has to be completed. We have tried to put a variety of activities covering a range of subjects. We have also put in some useful free resources and websites to support with home learning.

### Social distancing

We thought that it might be helpful to give you some reminders of the advice given by Government and in particular the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

This provides that the ‘..... **guidance is for everyone**. *It advises on social distancing measures we should all be taking to reduce social interaction between people in order to reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). It is intended for use in situations where people are living in their own homes, with or without additional support from friends, family and carers*’

In providing detail around what comprise social distancing the guidance states:

1. *‘Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough*
2. *Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible*
3. *Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this.....*
4. *Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs*
5. *Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media*
6. *Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.*

***Everyone should be trying to follow these measures as much as is pragmatic.***

***We strongly advise you to follow the above measures as much as you can and to significantly limit your face-to-face interaction with friends and family if possible***

I am attaching to this letter a chart which I thought might be helpful which has been compiled by a health care provider which may be a useful tool to support conversations with your children particularly when they are asking to see friends.

On behalf of the Governors and staff I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and take care of yourselves and your families in these uncertain times.

Regards

**Katharine Ellwood**

