



Greenway Primary
& Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well and have had the chance to enjoy some of the Easter weekend sunshine.

Following the Government's update on Thursday 16 April when it was announced that the lockdown will continue for at least another three weeks, I am writing to let you know that the next fortnight's set of home learning tasks has been uploaded onto the school website today. A further set of home learning tasks will be made available on the school website on Monday 4 May.

I would like to reassure you that, as always, my staff and I wish to work in partnership with you and support you as best we can whilst we find ourselves in this challenging situation. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for us all and that for many working parents the challenge of supervising home learning as well as carrying out their 'day job' is extremely onerous.

Over the Easter holidays, teachers have spent some time reviewing the tasks set before the holiday period and as we move into the new term, are aiming to offer you a more structured, daily approach, with a combination of new learning and consolidation of previous learning.

We have tried to make it easier for you to locate the home learning activities as follows:

- On the homepage of the school website you will see a new button labelled 'Home Learning';
- Click the 'Home Learning' button;
- A page will appear with tabs for each class;
- Click on the tab for your child's class and this will take you to the new home learning activities for the next fortnight.

For each class there is a letter from your child's class teacher which you can read and share with your child/ren. I very much hope that the children will enjoy reading these letters.

Tasks have been set for each day for the next two weeks for the following:

- English – Reading, Spellings and Writing,
- Maths
- A curriculum area.

For **Years 1-6**, if possible, we would advise that your child completes one of each of these tasks each day save for English where they should always undertake some Reading plus one other English activity.

For **Nursery and Reception**, you will see that there are activities for Phonics, Maths and other areas of learning for you to explore with your children.

We would also advise that you continue including daily exercise and wellbeing activities alongside these tasks set by us.

Please feel that you can spread these activities throughout the day or alternatively complete them in a morning or afternoon – you do not have to fill the day with a timetable as if the children were at school. Clearly you will need to determine how best to fulfil these tasks taking into account your child, your other children and your own work commitments but always keeping in mind the balance of work, wellbeing and your family's health.

Over the following two weeks we would like to offer you the opportunity to send one email to your child's teacher. This can be a message, picture or to show them something your child is proud of. Your child's teacher will then respond to your message via email.

You will also see another button labelled 'Greenway Birthday Song' on the homepage of our school website. The staff wanted to put something together which every child could look at when it was their birthday (or even if it isn't!). Please enjoy!

I am very aware that some families' financial circumstances may have rapidly changed during this crisis. I would therefore like to remind you that you can go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals which will allow you to find out more information about free school meals and if you are eligible.

Of course, if you have any questions or need to contact the school then please continue to email admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

The Governors and I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this very difficult time.

Please stay safe.

Regards

Katharine Ellwood
Headteacher

