



Greenway Primary  
& Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families continue to remain safe and well.

Greenway continues to remain temporarily closed as currently, there has not been a demand amongst key worker parents for school provision. However, as I have said in previous communications, this is continually reviewed by us. If you feel that your circumstances have changed and you require key worker school provision then please do contact the school on [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk). This email account is checked daily.

### **Greenway Remote Learning Policy**

Since schools closed and home learning practises have evolved, my Senior Leadership Team, the Governors and I have all been working on producing a Remote Learning Policy which aims to ensure that:

- There is a consistent approach to home learning across the school;
- Expectations for all the school community are clear – staff; parents and pupils;
- Guidelines are clearly stated with the school's approach to data protection.

I have previously set out within correspondence the school's expectations for home learning but would in particular refer you to paragraph 2.7 which reiterates these expectations in requesting that you:

- Support your child(ren) as best you are able given your own home circumstances, health and work commitments etc;
- Seek help from school if you need it;
- Let us know if you have any concerns or complaints

I would draw your attention to the provision that whilst schools are temporarily closed teachers are not being asked to undertake marking or to provide individualised feedback to pupils on the outcome of learning activities subject to acknowledging work etc submitted.

This policy has now been ratified by the Governing Body and it can be located on the school website under the 'Home Learning' button and also on the parent section under policies. I do hope you find this helpful.

### **Home Learning for the week commencing Monday 18 May**

I am writing to you to let you know that the next week's set of home learning tasks has been uploaded onto the school website today. No home learning tasks have been set for the week commencing Monday 25 May as this is half term. We will review the home learning provision for the fortnight commencing Monday 1 June over the coming two weeks as much will depend on whether or not the government

determines that it is appropriate for the school to open to some pupils on 1 June. I am sending a letter in this respect separately.

Your child's class teacher has written another letter to your child(ren) and we have emailed this to you as well as placing it on the school website. Please do read and share this with your child(ren). I continue to have had some lovely feedback on these letters. Tasks have been set for each day for the next week 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 if possible.

We would also recommend that you continue including daily exercise and wellbeing activities alongside these tasks set by us. Mr Lewis has contributed to the curriculum area for each year group and planned a PE learning opportunity/activity alongside the weekly personal challenge. As you know, Mr Lewis has provided a range of resources that can support you and your children at home.

### **Emailing teachers**

I had suggested in my last letter that children might wish to send an email to their teacher over the course of the past fortnight with a message, picture or email to show them something that your child is proud of. It has been lovely to read, see and explore all the activities that you have been sharing with your child's class teacher – the staff have really appreciated them.

If you need to email teachers or me separately about anything and in particular your child's home learning then please do so at [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk).

### **Greenway Art Project**

How is your child(ren) getting on collecting all those plastic bottle tops? I am looking forward to seeing how many we have all collected when we return to school. Keep collecting!

### **Free School Meals**

I am very aware that some family's financial circumstances have rapidly changed during this crisis. I would therefore like to remind you that you can go to [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://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](mailto: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

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**Headteacher**