



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Friday 12 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all my staff and governors for the very many lovely emails that you have sent – they really are appreciated. As I communicated to you in my letter last week, we are all trying to do the very best we can in extremely challenging circumstances and we know that you are too.

### **A Message from the Local Authority**

Please see below a message that I have been asked to share with you from Hertfordshire County Council.

*'Thank you for playing your part and helping to keep our school safe by following current Government guidelines during the national lockdown.'*

*'It's so important that we don't become complacent during half-term so we can all enjoy the break and hopefully come back to either remote, or face to face learning (for children considered vulnerable or children of critical workers) safely.'*

Hertfordshire County Council have also asked us to share the attached leaflet with you as a reminder of what we all can and cannot do during the lockdown restrictions. Please do take the time to read it and remind your children that for now, we all have to play our part to protect ourselves, our families and our friends.

### **Hertfordshire's 100 Challenge**

I know many of you will be aware of this through your class meet and greets today and through Mr Lewis's video which you will be able to access tonight – enjoy! This challenge has been set up in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore when he walked 100 laps of his garden and raised so much money for the NHS. I know how creative some of you are and so you may like to challenge yourselves during half term!

### **Steve Biddulph**

I just wanted to remind you of the exciting opportunity to sign up to two webinars and listen to Steve Biddulph – a world renowned psychologist. His books, Raising Boys and Raising Girls have been bought by so many parents and I know parents have found them invaluable and easy to access. His books are like the bible to parenting!

Please do take this opportunity to sign up to these webinars. We originally sent out the leaflets with a letter dated 15.1.21 which provides all the details in how to book your place on 25.2.21 at 8pm (Raising Boys) and on 4.3.21 at 8pm (Raising Girls) and pay for your ticket. These items are on our school website under Letters on the Parent

tab. If you have any difficulties with the cost of these webinars please do not hesitate to contact [admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk) and hopefully we can support you with the cost of attending.

### **COVID -19 update**

For those families who have had children attending the in-school provision this week, I wanted to remind you of what you need to do if your child tests positive for coronavirus during the half term break.

Please **do not contact the school** should your child develop coronavirus symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**. Instead, please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please **do contact the school**, should your child test positive for coronavirus having **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**. In these circumstances you should email [head@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@greenway.herts.sch.uk) – **this will only be monitored for the first 6 days of the school holidays as required by the DfE ie until midnight on 18 February**. The school will then assist in identifying close contacts and advising self isolation as your child may have been infectious whilst at school. **Please do not call the school office as this will not be manned during half term.**

Where your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, school do not need to be informed about this until the first day of the new term.

**Please do remember that as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being half term.**

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read a helpful self-isolating guide at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide)

**It is probably worth repeating that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that you or your child have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, please consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

**Please do not send your child back to school after half term if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19);
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19;

- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested.

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

As you will be aware we are awaiting the Government's announcement (currently scheduled for Monday 22 February) of their 'road map' for coming out of lockdown, which may include plans for the reopening of schools. I will write to you to confirm further details around staffing and arrangements once we have been informed of the Government's plans.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Regards

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