

Friday 3 April 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are keeping well. It has come to the end of the spring term, which has been a very strange term indeed. I feel that our Grange Park community has become stronger, as we are all working together to ensure that this is a period of happiness for our children. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

We've managed to provide childcare to critical worker families and vulnerable children over the last two weeks. There will also be childcare provision for families of critical workers during the Easter holidays at Grange Park. I would like to thank all the staff who are coming into school to enable this to happen.

Staff have also been working hard to prepare and upload work for the children on the website. Our aim of this work is to help you keep the children busy; to keep their minds active; supporting them to embed strategies which we have already taught in school. For those of you who are working from home there should be enough activities where the children can work independently while you get on with some work too. I hope the children have been enjoying the activities.

Over the Easter holiday, staff will upload a selection of activities and projects, which children can pick and choose from, should they wish, each week. It will not be the same amount that staff are currently uploading, as I'm sure you can appreciate the staff will be spending time with their own families and making sure they are looking after themselves too. There are many great links on our website for children to access too. There are useful links on supporting the wellbeing of children, as well as important online safety advice:
<https://www.grangeparkprimaryelt.org/page/?title=Children&pid=131>

We do aim to further enhance our online learning platform next term. Shortly after Easter, we will be moving over to Google Classroom. This platform will hopefully enable us to communicate more effectively and efficiently with children. More guidance will be sent to you shortly. In the meantime, we are working hard to set the system up and ensure our staff are skilled up in using Google Classroom!

We also feel it is important that the children still receive a report this year. The teachers are busy writing these as we speak and an end of spring term report will be sent to you by the end of May.

The most important message that I would like to send you all into the Easter holidays with, is to make the most of the additional family time that you have been given. When your children grow up, they will talk about this time and the memories that they have of it. Enjoy being together, baking, playing games and learning new things. Please do not stress about schoolwork; the teachers will be ready to fill the gaps and ensure continued progress when we are back in school.

If you need any additional help or support, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school through the office e-mail: office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org. While there is no-one in the office at school, emails will be checked and responded to regularly, even throughout the holidays.

Stay safe and well.
Kind regards

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