

20 March 2020

Dear Parents

### **Enforced School Closure**

As explained in my previous correspondences, today will sadly be the final day for most children at Grange Park until further notice. Today will also be the final day for after school enrichment clubs and Connect.

In order to help the country fight the virus but keep functioning, we will be offering childcare for only our most vulnerable children and children of key workers. The guidance from the Government around a this has just been published, see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

I will send another letter outlining the information published by the Government later on today. **Only a family with an offer of a place should attend school on Monday.** If you are not a key worker, we would like to thank you for helping to fight the virus by keeping your child at home.

### **National Testing**

[The Secretary of State for Education announced](#) , that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This means the following assessments planned between April and July 2020 are cancelled:

- End of key stage 1 and key stage 2 assessments (including tests and teacher assessment)
- Year 1 phonics screening check
- Year 4 multiplication tables check

Primary school performance measures will not be published for the 2019/20 academic year.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is on free school meals, we will be contacting you separately to explain how we will be supporting you through the school closure period.

### **Communication with Parents**

[office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org) will continue to be checked in a limited capacity throughout the school closure. We will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can.

Once the decision to reopen the school has been made, a letter will be sent to parents via ParentMail. A message will also be placed on the school website.

### **Safeguarding Children**

If you have any safeguarding concerns about the welfare of your child or another child in the school or any mental health concerns, please email the school office and we will contact you to discuss your concerns and arrange support. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Enfield MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 020 8378 5555. For further information on how to contact the MASH online please visit <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/enfieldscb/professionals-volunteers/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

If a child is in immediate danger call 999. If you need to report a non-urgent criminal matter to the police, dial 101.

### **Home Learning During School Closure**

As a result of the school closure, we have collated a range of games, activities and useful websites that are age appropriate, engaging and can be accessed at anytime. However, access to the internet should be supervised on devices in sight of an adult.

Specific home learning tasks will be posted weekly on each year group page. However, as you will appreciate, this is dependent on teachers being well enough to work. Staff will not provide feedback on home learning during this period, neither will it be marked when children return to school.

Also, your own family circumstances may mean that it is not possible to complete all tasks every week. We understand that this may be a challenge given the unprecedented circumstances we are all facing. We therefore do not want to add any additional burden to families who may be supporting poorly or vulnerable family members at this time. Please do what you can.

We encourage children to create a timetable for each of the school days that we are closed. This will help them keep to a routine and allow some time for parents to work while they are completing their activities. While there is plenty on the website for children to do, there may also be opportunities for children to develop life skills during this period of time at home such as cooking, gardening, sewing, building and playing board games to name a few. You may also have discussions around acts of kindness in our community and more widely from examples around the world, and highlight the resilience of others during this challenging time. Please encourage children to look out and model gratitude to others, make a special show of being thankful to others, for opportunities, for safety and for the people who care for us.

Please also be mindful of your own and children's mental well-being during this period. I know this is a time of distress and worry for us all. Resources on well-being and mindfulness will be available on the website soon.

Please click on the 'Children' tab or click on the link below to access the links and work:

<https://www.grangeparkprimaryelt.org/page/?title=Children&pid=131>

The children have been absolute super stars during this time. Thank you children, for being so amazing!

I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful efforts of **all** our staff who have been giving so much during these uncertain times and will continue with this commitment; which is truly admirable.

I would also like to send my most sincere thanks to you the parents for your understanding and many kind words that have been passed our way. It means an awful lot to me and my staff to have your support during this unprecedented time. I wish you and your families well during this difficult period.

Kind Regards

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**Headteacher**