

# Greenfields

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## NEWSLETTER ~ 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### PERSONAL BEST CERTIFICATES

This week's 'Personal Best' certificates go to:

Jack, Gracie-Rose, Daniel, Lewis, Alisa, Lucas, Oliver and Emily

Well done to all of these children ~ they should be very proud of their achievements.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE

Today, our school is closing for the vast majority of children until further notice.

The government has stated that from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:

- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
- **Schools as they normally run are closed and they will be providing childcare.**
- **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be at home.**
- **Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.**

Our school will **only** be open for children who have:

1. an Education Health & Care Plan
2. a Social Worker
3. a parent whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, as detailed on the government's 'key worker' list. **However, many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be at home.**

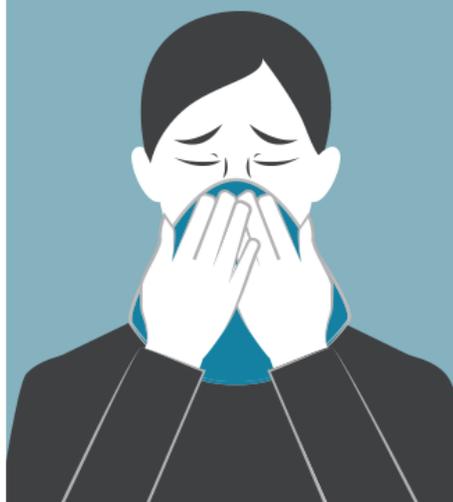
The scientific advice shows that school settings are safe for a small number of children - so the government are asking others to stay away to help slow the spread of the virus.

As a school, we will continue to risk assess our staff and identify those who are included in the 'at risk' groups. This will allow us to identify a key workforce to keep the school running and also those who can work from home. It is likely that staff will be in school on a rota basis and that those staff working from home will continue to provide home learning activities to support pupils and their families.

## Coronavirus: What you need to do



**Wash your hands**



**Use a tissue for coughs**



**Avoid touching your face**

### HOME LEARNING

Every child will be given a home learning pack today, which contains activities for the next two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. Within these packs you will find maths, reading and grammar activities, as well as another copy of the Enquiry takeaway menu and some additional ideas of activities you could do with your child. We also have a dedicated Home Learning page on our website which can be found at: <http://www.greenfieldsprimary.co.uk/homework-help/>

Class teachers will be checking in with children once a week, via Seesaw and there will also be staff available between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm every school day to respond to any questions you have or give advice about any of the work that is being sent home in the pack.

Please use our dedicated email address: [homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk)

If schools remain closed after the Easter holidays, we will continue to provide home learning opportunities and we will keep you informed about how we plan to do this in due course.

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Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff during these uncertain times. We will continue to keep you informed via email, Facebook, twitter and the school website. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Greenfields very soon.

