

Greenfields Home/School Learning from 1st June 2020

Information for Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks nine full weeks since our school closed and can we say what an **amazing** job you are all doing.

You have achieved something that no other parents have had to face. You have faced nine weeks of no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, no family to help. On top of that you have juggled work demands, home school and information overload. It's ok to feel drained, stressed and emotional, but you did it. You've made it. Be proud of yourself and what you have achieved to keep your family safe. We understand that home schooling is hard and sometimes you can't face another day of battling to get your child to do the work and that's ok.

You are doing an incredible job and all of the staff at Greenfields are deeply grateful that you are there for your children when we should be, but can't be.

The past nine weeks have been challenging for everyone, so with this in mind we want to relaunch home learning to 'home/school learning'; the children at home and at school will be completing the same activities.

Each day there is going to be a whole school stimulus under a single theme linked to our new school vision and your family will be set 5 activities linked to this. Detailed below is a breakdown of the activities that will be included in the pack:

- 1 English activity based on a whole school stimulus, for example, a picture, a video clip or a website. There will then be discussion points to answer on an A3 piece of paper that the children can write on. After this discussion, children will complete an age appropriate activity.
- A family maths investigation which you will receive on an A3 piece of paper to complete as a family. In the centre will be a statement that children will investigate - is it always, sometimes or never true? Children will need to decide how they will collect the data to answer the question and note that down. Then collect the data and present it in a bar chart, line graph, pictogram and so on. Finally, children will record their findings; is the statement always, sometimes or never true?

- An outdoor learning activity. In the pack are 5 outdoor learning activities for you to do as a family (1 per day). This will give you a chance to get outside together where possible and burn off some energy.
- A creative activity. There is a creative activity for your children to do each day. It may be an activity that requires you to get items from the great outdoors, use resources in the home or paint and/or draw a picture.
- A wellbeing activity. Making sure we have good physical and mental wellbeing is so important so we have included a wellbeing activity for your children to complete each day.
- As an optional extra there are also some computing challenges that you can do as a family.

The themes for each week will be as follows:

Week 1 - stay curious, follow your dreams and never lose your sense of wonder

Week 2 - confront your fears and take a chance, mistakes are your best lesson

Week 3 - never stop asking questions and seek out the answers.

Week 4 - You are capable of changing a situation, become the explorer of tomorrow.

Week 5 - transition activities

Week 6 - transition activities

Week 7 - celebration

As well as this, each day via Seesaw, your child will receive a video welcome from a member of staff that will be uploaded at the start of each day and another one at the end of each day.

The new resources will be uploaded onto Seesaw every Friday afternoon for the following week.

For those of you who would like a paper copy for your family, boxes will be located at different points on the drive up to and out of school. They will be ready for collection from 9am every Monday. Please take 1 per family.

Can I just reiterate again that we are very grateful for the fantastic job you are doing in supporting your children; please be kind to yourself.

With the kindest regards,

Greenfields Staff