



Tuesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say how grateful I am for the dedication our families have to ensuring our children can continue to learn at home during this period of lockdown. The sense of unity is fantastic and we really will get through this together.

Below are some questions to which we have provided solutions, and we hope that these help our families during this time.

Am I supposed to print all the work out?

No. We have taken the approach with remote learning that we have so that there is no expectation to print anything out. Many pupils are accessing the work online and then completing it by hand. For example in maths, the child can have the task or worksheet on screen and write the answers in their exercise book (this is how we would do it in school). To make this easier, we are offering the following items to be collected from school:

- A Writing exercise book
- A Maths exercise book
- Pens
- Pencils

Our staff have made sure we have these items ready for you. To collect these, simply come and knock on the office window from today, and Mrs Day will provide what you need. You can also pick up your child's PE kit too.

If my child does the work in the books, how do we get it to you?

This depends on your access to devices. However, what a lot of families in this situation are doing is simply photographing their child's work and uploading that onto Microsoft Teams. Another option is to email it in to enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or send the photo via your child's class Twitter account.

To make it easier for your child's teacher, please can your child add the date, title or learning objective to their work, as they would in school? Teachers are then able to mark and feedback about work done at home more effectively.

Is it true my child can use their PlayStation or Xbox to access Microsoft Teams?

Yes. This has made life easier for a lot of families – especially lessons that are taught via video. To do this, go onto the games console's web browser and go to <http://teams.microsoft.com>. Chances are that your child knows exactly how to do this but, if you're unsure, you'll find instructions with a quick Google search.



As a school, we completely appreciate how tricky things are and we also know it is not easy to keep your child learning at home. Please do not put too much pressure on yourselves as parents. **If there is anything we can do to support you, please get in touch.** We can always find a solution and as a school we are willing to do everything we can to help. If there is anything you feel would make a difference – let us know.

We miss seeing all the children's smiley faces on Twitter. Do continue to share with us what you are doing at home via [@grimoldbyschool](https://twitter.com/grimoldbyschool).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries via enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or by telephone on 01507 327393. Our phone lines will be open as normal from 8:00am to 4:00pm each weekday.

Sending my best wishes

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