



Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we have worked so hard to ensure school has been able to open to pupils classed as vulnerable or with parents who are critical workers. We were able to reopen to these children from Wednesday. We have also ensured all pupils at home have had remote education available from the day after the school closure was announced on Monday evening.

It is still very hard for us all to believe this has happened again and we didn't even get the opportunity to say goodbye or prepare our children - but we know we must do this to protect the NHS and save lives.

From Monday 11th January, our remote education will be further expanded to provide pupils with our full curriculum across a variety of subjects, including all core areas of learning. Pupils entitled to be in school will cover the exact same content as those at home. Therefore, if your child is not attending school full time and only on certain days whilst you work, it is really important they continue with their learning on the days not in school, otherwise your child will fall behind the rest of the children in their year group.

We fully understand and appreciate just how tricky teaching children at home can be. If you are struggling in any way, please do not ever hesitate to contact us. Our phone lines will remain open throughout this period of lockdown and you can always email us at enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk. It is really important children continue to learn during this lockdown period: let us know if you need help with remote learning and we will do everything we can to support you. As this is a new way of working for us all, it is imperative that no one suffers silently.

As many households struggle to share devices, it is worth noting that Microsoft Teams can be accessed via the web browser on a PlayStation or Xbox. This means that children can access the remote education videos and tasks to then complete by hand (or even on the console if they have access to a keyboard).

Teaching staff will be in school every day supporting pupils face to face whilst also supporting pupils remotely via Teams or Tapestry, telephone or video call. We are here to support you whether your children are in the school building or not. We are still one community and we will continue to work in unity and get through this tricky time together.

Staff will continue to monitor which children are accessing remote education and, just like this week, will be in contact with you if children are not engaging. We will also continue to hold meetings with classes remotely each week so that children are able to see and talk to each other and their teachers.



Next week we will inform you of a time when you will be able to pick up your child's PE kit and any other belongings they have left in school. You will also be able to collect stationery and exercise books to support working at home if you need them.

Finally, despite everything that is going on, we still love to see what all our children are up to. Please stay in touch on Twitter @grimoldbyschool, via email or you can even write us a letter and post it whilst you are taking your daily exercise. During our last lockdown in March, it was this that helped to keep us all smiling.

Yours faithfully

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