



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you are all now aware that schools across England will be closing their doors tomorrow and they do not know when they will be opening again. This is with the exception of children of key workers and vulnerable children. **Our gates will be closing at 3:15pm tomorrow and there will be no after-school clubs.** This decision has been made by the government to keep everyone as safe as possible and to slow the spread of Coronavirus across the country.

Currently, no further information has been released to define who is classified as a key worker but, as soon as I know, I will inform you. **If you believe that your occupation would fall into the category of a key worker, please email [enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk) (by tomorrow morning) to let us know.** This will help us to identify and organise further support.

So that pupils can continue to learn whilst at home, we will be hosting weekly learning activities for children on our school website. Under the 'Children' tab at the top of the homepage, you will find a list of classes. Clicking on the relevant class page will provide activities that children can complete at home to support their learning during this uncertain time. This will be updated weekly during term time and children will be bringing home an exercise book, two pencils and their new Bug Club login this afternoon. Information about Bug Club has been sent home from Mrs Taylor via Parent Pay today. Bug Club is a fantastic new resource that allows all of our children to access a variety of books online in order to continue their reading.

We know that there are a number of children and families in self-isolation who will be unable to collect the items being sent home this evening. We therefore ask that, if you know other families who live nearby who will be in school tomorrow, you contact them (not face to face) and ask them to collect the items to leave on your doorstep.

The activities published online (starting on Monday) don't need constant access to the internet or electronic devices – children can simply find a task and complete it in the provided exercise book. Of course, if children want to complete work electronically, they can do that too.

We have taken this approach to make it easy for our families, as we know that our families have at least basic internet access. We have also made sure that the activities are flexible and could be completed as a family or with siblings. Work does not need to be submitted back to teachers. This is an entirely new situation for our country and a new, temporary way of working in terms of education, so please bear with us whilst we find the best way of supporting and communicating with our families and staff.



**If you don't already, please follow our main Twitter feed (@grimoldbyschool) and your child's class Twitter feed.** This is a great way for us to communicate together.

Finally, the most important thing for all of us right now is to ensure that everyone is safe and well. We know that there are tricky times ahead but we can – and will – get through this if we all work together and support one another. I will continue to update you with any new information as and when I have it.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the support, kind words and love that you have shown to our school and community.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Brooks  
Headteacher