



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our first full week of remote learning, I would like to thank you all for your positive comments and continued hard work with supporting your children to access the learning being provided. Undoubtedly, Google classroom has enabled our remote learning offer to be much more effective, but you can appreciate that we are still ironing out a few glitches. If there are specific areas you would like more guidance with please contact class teachers via Classroom messaging and we will endeavour to help you.

Remote learning expectations.

You will be aware from the news and media that in this second lockdown, there is a greater expectation on schools provision of remote learning, and pupils engagement. Staff are busy responding to pupils learning and monitoring access to the provision provided. If you would like some additional support with enabling your child to engage with the remote learning, please make their class teacher's aware and they will be able to offer some suggestions.

I can see that many of our older pupils are increasing their technology skills and independence in managing their learning. However, I can not reiterate enough the importance of finding your own family's routine for your child to access their learning.

Accessing remote learning

If any pupils are struggling to get onto remote learning due to:

- access to a suitable device, please contact us - we are in the process of trying to free up some older machines.
- Internet access, such as not having broadband at home or having to rely on mobile phone data allowance - please contact us as there is a national mobile data scheme that you may be eligible for.

In school provision

You will have received a letter, earlier this week from [Hertfordshire](#), regarding in school provision, however if you are a key worker or believe your child is eligible to be in school, please contact the school office and I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Learning packs

The teachers have put together individual learning packs for the children, with a range of resources and exercise books for them to use. Thank you for those of you who have collected the learning packs and are utilising them to support your child.

We also have a wide range of reading books available that can be collected and exchanged. Class 1 have already been notified about reading books but for the rest of the school, books can be exchanged on *Tuesdays or Thursdays* as follows:

Family names A-J: mornings Family names K-Z: afternoons.

You tube

As you are aware there is a wide range of excellent learning resources on youtube, however I am aware that, particularly for our older pupils, they may be managing their remote learning more independently and filters at home may restrict access. We have found a solution that staff will now be using, whereby links provided will just be for specific videos and not via youtube. If there are further queries with this please let us know. As you will be aware, my team is online, responding to pupils throughout the day and picking up queries very quickly.

Coronavirus cases

Please do notify us if anyone in your household tests positive, particularly if your child is in school or you have collected a school book or learning pack.

covidnotice@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk

Well-being and mental health

Across Hertfordshire, there are a wide range of courses available to families that offer support, particularly in the current circumstances. They are provided online and easy to access. They can all be booked directly by parents.

[SWHP Newsletter 181 Calendar \(1\).pdf](#)

[Supporting Links Summer20 Parent Courses.pdf](#)

[Nessie Workshops Jan-March 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Mindfulness course.pdf](#)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

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