



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you all for your rapid engagement and support with remote learning for your children. We will continue to monitor how you and your children are accessing remote learning. If you need any help please let us know.

As stated in my previous letters, we are very much aware that each family will have their own routines and demands to manage. Similarly, the provision from class teachers will vary according to the needs and age of the pupils it is for. We recognise that, particularly for our younger pupils, there is an added pressure on parents to 'deliver' the learning. Consequently much of our role will involve supporting and guiding you with this. Remote learning will never be a replacement for pupils being in school, although we will of course continue to provide creative and engaging ways for pupils to learn. There are also a wide range of providers who are once again offering resources to schools and families that we will direct you to. These can be used to supplement your child's learning.

Your feedback is always welcome and I know that you appreciate that we are all still navigating the online tools and discovering ways to enhance the learning experience. My staff are very busy adapting planning and resources to make them remote-learning friendly as well as supporting pupils in school.

Each class **may** offer brief live class 'check-ins' or storytimes. Details will be communicated to you via Google Classroom or Tapestry. I appreciate that not all pupils will be able to join these sessions and there is wide ranging research and advice regarding safeguarding concerns when video conferencing, particularly for primary pupils.

For those who do join live sessions the following guidance must be followed. Please also refer to our Online safety policy.

- All participants should be in a safe and appropriate place; with no bedrooms or inappropriate objects/information visible?
- All participants should be appropriately dressed.
- Pupils should have an adult with them or in the same room for the duration.
- All conversations will be led by school staff, who will also be able to mute / unmute participants.
- Any worries or concerns should be immediately reported to the Headteacher.

- Login/joining names used should be appropriate - ideally family name - and any comments or conversations must be respectful.

Clubs and Music lessons

Instrumental Music learning will move to online and you should be contacted directly about them.

Obviously we are not able to provide the before and after school clubs as planned. We will be in touch regarding refunds in due course, but we are hopeful that we may be able to offer some clubs after half term.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher