

Grateley Primary School

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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your tireless support and patience in what has been a difficult few weeks for us all. We are now entering a new phase in education over the next few weeks and potentially months.

Please be reassured that we will and are continuing to work throughout this period to ensure that we are here for our Grateley community. The school remains open for those families with key workers to ensure that they can continue with their vital work. E-mails will still be read and replied to and we will all be working to ensure that the children receive weekly learning activities to keep their brains active as well as preparing for the time when we return back to a normal school routine.

Please try not to worry about your child's learning; every single child is in this boat and they all will be okay. When we are back in the classroom, we will continue to meet their educational needs- we are experts in this!

Please find below a message From the Governing Body:

Dear Parents and Carers,

In these unprecedented times, the community spirit of the School is amazing to see. You, the parents and carers, have been extraordinarily supportive of everything that has been put in place by Mrs Dance to protect the children's mental and physical wellbeing over the last few weeks. On behalf of the Governing Body, I thank you for that trust, and appreciation of the pressure that has been on all the staff. They have, as ever, been outstanding in a time of uncertainty. Wherever possible they will continue to provide that support in the coming weeks and months, and will continue to update you as the information becomes available. Change always brings challenges, but often there are benefits to those changes that weren't anticipated. The strength of the Grateley School community is one such silver lining and it is fantastic to see. Those of you who can, enjoy this quality time with your children, and those key workers amongst you, thank you for your dedication and professionalism; we will be thinking of you.

Amelia Bridges
(Chair of Governors)

Home Learning

Yesterday your child brought home a learning pack for the next two weeks and today will bring home their parents evening sheet. Each Class Page on the website has a Home Learning Page. Every Monday from Easter, your child's class teacher will put home learning activities on the page for your child to carry out that week. Miss Bailey will also be adding a weekly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) task that the children can carry out at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please take care and look after yourselves. I will e-mail you all every Friday to keep you updated with what is happening at Grateley, locally and nationally.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Rachel Dance
Head teacher



Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

Grateley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy with procedures in place, which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

**Mrs R Dance – Head Teacher
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher**

Safeguarding Governor is:

Mrs Victoria Rutherford

Our Chair of Governors is:

Mrs Amelia Bridges

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible on the same day.

***DO NOT** conduct your own investigation.*

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that he/she is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the Head Teacher in confidence. If the concern relates to the Head Teacher you contact the Local Authority Designated Officers, LADO, on 01962 876364, who will consider what action to take.

