



**Goring Church of England  
(Aided) Primary School**  
Faith, Love and Learning

30 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Safeguarding**

Thank you for your continued support of our protective measures to keep our school community safe at this time.

Please find attached a Covid-19 Information leaflet produced by Public Health England. Important points to note include that:

- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected.

## **Contingency planning**

In these uncertain times the leadership team have drawn up a range of contingency plans to address potential scenarios, including individual and bubble isolation and wider school closure. These will ensure that if at any point in coming months, children are required to stay at home due to Covid they will have access to a high quality remote education. Your comments regarding the partial closure provision implemented earlier in the year were valuable. Two main areas that you highlighted were increased visual contact from teachers and more direct feedback on learning, which have informed our decisions as we seek to enhance the children's future remote learning experience. Please be mindful that the scenario itself will determine the degree of availability of your child's teacher, as they themselves may still be teaching in class full time during the day.

In order to make appropriate remote provision for ALL children it is essential that we know whether families have access to internet enabled devices, I would ask you therefore to immediately complete a short survey per family by clicking the link below.

Device and internet survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/devicesandinternet>

It is our intention to use Microsoft Teams as a platform for remote learning in the future and parents will receive access details & guidance notes to support them with this. In the coming weeks children will participate in familiarisation lessons to help them use this platform confidently should the need arise.

Potential Scenario	Provision
1. Individual child is required to self-isolate	Parents will receive planned learning by email (or paper pack as appropriate) Children will be required to submit work outcomes on a regular basis Teachers will make regular contact with parents/child to provide learning and feedback on work submitted.
2. Bubble of children are required to self-isolate	Teachers will provide daily lessons and feedback online using Microsoft Teams. Log in details etc will be provided. Children will be required to submit work outcomes on a regular basis
3. Partial/whole school closure	Teachers will provide daily lessons and feedback online using Microsoft Teams. Log in details etc will be provided. Children will be required to submit work outcomes on a regular basis. Any children permitted to remain in school eg key workers etc will access the same teaching materials

### **Holiday club and Wraparound care**

The Outdoor Project <https://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/about-us/> will be running a holiday club during the October half term holiday and bookings are now open. Please go to holiday clubs on the website above for further details – it certainly sounds like fun.

Although we cannot currently offer wraparound care for our school families a variety of options are being explored in the hope that we can re-establish this facility as soon as possible. Details will be shared with parents in due course.

### **School improvement Priorities 2020-21**

Despite the current challenges relating to COVID-19 clear priorities for improvement have been identified for the school in the coming year. These will include:

1. Improve Reading outcomes for all children
2. Attainment and outcomes for children eligible for Pupil premium funding
3. The continued development of a broad and progressive curriculum through enhanced subject leadership
4. Development of a Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum that is in line with new legislation and addresses the mental health and wellbeing needs of children.

Further details relating to these priorities will be shared in coming weeks but in the meantime you may wish to read about a new PSHE resource called 'Jigsaw' that we are adopting to help enhance our planning and provision. A parent information leaflet can be found on the school website under the curriculum tab.

## Parent consultation meetings

For the ongoing safety of all our school community, parent consultation meetings this term will be conducted online during the week commencing 2 November. A new online booking system will be used to secure meeting times via Microsoft Teams and details of how to access this will be sent to parents in a separate email.

## Walk to School week commencing 5 October

Your child will bring home a Walk to School leaflet on Friday 2 October which I would encourage you to share with them and discuss the benefits of walking to school and how you might increase your participation in this approach.

## INSET day – please note change of date

INSET days – ~~2 November 2020~~ **NEW DATE – Friday 13 November 2020**  
4 January 2021  
22 February 2021  
25 June 2021

## Individual/sibling Photographs

The school photographs will be taken on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full winter uniform.

## Staffing

I am pleased to share the news that Mrs Horne's baby boy – Malachi, arrived safely on Monday 21 September. We celebrate with her and her husband as they welcome this wonderful gift from God.

Yours sincerely

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