

Thursday 12 March 2020

Dear families,

Thank you to those families who have contacted the school with questions regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We continue to follow advice and guidelines from Public Health England.

All children have been reminded of the importance of good hygiene and handwashing to help to prevent the spread of the virus. The bathrooms are checked regularly throughout the day to ensure that they are clean and that soap is available. Posters have been placed in all bathrooms to remind children both to wash their hands and for the recommended 20 second period.

If your child has a high temperature or is unwell with a cough, we ask that you keep them at home to avoid any risk of cross-infection and to seek advice from your GP. If you have been advised by your GP to self-isolate and keep your child at home, please where possible, get a note from them to confirm this. Please let us know immediately if this applies to you or your child.

Public Health England has set up a helpline for families to answer any questions about COVID-19 related to education. This helpline can be reached on 0800 046 8687 from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday or emailed at DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk.

In view of the fast-moving development of the coronavirus outbreak, we are making arrangements for the children so they can access google classroom, Mathletics, TTrackstars, and other apps that they use in school, in case we need to close the school.

We understand that some of our families may find this a disruptive time trying to provide childcare or being unable to go to work.

For those families that this may cause a financial struggle, Goldfinch can administer food bank vouchers. Please contact Mrs O'Connor or Mrs Erickson if you think that you need help.

Children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 have been shown how to access Google Classrooms where those class teachers will be uploading tasks for children to complete where families have access to an iPad/tablet/computer/laptop. Your child will come home with their login for google drive.

Your child will come home with a pack of work to complete if the school is to close. They also have their logins for Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars that they can access.



We also ask that you read with your child as much as possible and talk about the story/plot/characters. Children have been given the opportunity to take more books home from the class book corner. Please help us to look after these books by keeping them safe and returning them back to school.

In the event of the school closing, You will be able to contact Mrs Erickson via info@goldfinchprimary.org.uk and on the school mobile between 10am-2pm on 07985227057 . Please Log on to School Comms app and check the school website for updates <https://www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk> . You will be contacted via School Comms once we are told that schools can reopen.

If the school is forced to close, families who access E Play for Breakfast and/or After School Club will **NOT** be charged.

In the meantime, if you or your child become unwell with any of the symptoms of the Coronavirus, we ask that you follow the advice and call 111.

We are sure that you all share our desire to avoid causing undue fear or alarm in children and to keep them safe and well. We hope that this letter will help to reassure you that Goldfinch continues to manage the situation following official guidance.

Kind regards



Mrs Haston

Head Teacher