

Friday 27 March 2020

Dear families,

Thank you for your support through these worrying and difficult times. Most importantly, I hope you and your families are safe and well. I am conscious that this week will have required significant adaptation **at home and** am grateful to you all for everything you are doing to support your child's learning and development.

I know you will be reinforcing the Government guidance about minimising the spread of **Covid-19: staying at home** unless it is essential to leave. This saves lives.

Thank you for your support of the completion of work set by Google Classroom (year 2 to Year 6) and by receiving daily emails on Parent Comms. I know this can be difficult at home and we are realistic that there are constraints in terms of IT access. It has been good to hear your stories of building routines and creative approaches. I would stress the importance of physical exercise whether at home or within Government guidelines and activities which support emotional wellbeing.

If your child is unwell and cannot complete work, please do let us know via the info@goldfinchprimary.org.uk email address. This is checked regularly and remains the best way to get in touch with the school. Similarly, if you have any problems with work set or need help, teachers can be contacted either via Google Classroom or again via the info@ address. Mrs Erikson can be contacted on the school mobile on 07985227057 between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

We have contacted all families in receipt of free school meals about our provision and will do so again on Monday. We have received notification from the DFE that: 'some: parents have received an email stating the following: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official. We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately.

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to write with messages of support, **it means more than you know**. We will **do our best** to remain connected, even though there are clear physical barriers. **We look** forward to providing normal service again when we are able.

Best wishes



Emilie Haston
Head Teacher