

# Gresham Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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**Web:** <http://www.gresham.croydon.sch.uk/>

**Email:** [administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk)

### Whole school attendance

98.1%

Thank you for your continuing support.

### Highest attending class

Year 2, 3, 5 & 6

100%

## Welcome back!!

### Friday Lunch

Unfortunately, there was no fish offered at today's lunch service. There was a freezer fault and the fish had to be thrown away. Apologies for the inconvenience caused. The children were very flexible and enjoyed pizza instead.

### Google Classroom

Gresham will now be using Google Classroom to set weekly home learning. The primary purpose of Google Classroom is to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students. Google Classroom makes it easy for learners and teachers to connect with one another – inside and outside of schools. It saves time and paper, and makes it easy to distribute assignments, communicate and stay organised. It will also reduce the number of sheets and books going between school and home.

Your child will be provided with login details and will be able to access and submit *all* their tasks through Google Classroom.

As stated above, home learning will be set *each week* on Fridays (due in the following Friday). Home learning will focus on key skills: spellings, times tables, vocabulary building and reading. This will closely mirror the week's learning in class. The first home learning will be set on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

In the case that your child is asked to isolate or if there is a partial or whole school closure, daily home learning will be set on Google Classroom.

Further information about how to use Google Classroom will be sent out at a later date.

## **Office Changes**

The office is still **not** physically accessible to parents until further notice. If you wish to contact the office, please telephone the school: 020 8657 1807, or email admin: [administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk)

The office is staffed Monday to Friday during the following times:

Monday: 8:30 - 2:45

Tuesday: 8:30 - 3:30

Wednesday: 8:30 - 3:30

Thursday: 8:30 - 3:30

Friday: 8:30 - 2:45

Mrs Caplin will be working in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Broder will be working in the office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

## **ASC and BC**

There is no Breakfast Club or After School Club running at Gresham at present and as previously stated we will be reviewing after 2 weeks. Unfortunately, this means that neither will be open in 2 weeks.

At the moment, we are focusing on ensuring our systems are robust and that all children are safely and happily returning to school. There are many issues to consider in reopening these services, including staffing, location, food provision, new cleaning regimes and maintaining year group bubbles. We understand how important these clubs are to parents and will continue to review how they can be safely reopened. We will keep parents/carers informed of our progress.

## **Communication With Home**

The class emails which were used during lockdown will not be in use until further notice. If you wish to contact your child's teacher or any other member of staff, please either call the office (during staffed hours) or send an email to [administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:administrator@gresham.croydon.sch.uk)

Your message will be passed to the member of staff during working hours and they will reply in due course. Teachers will always try to respond as soon as possible; however, please be mindful that teachers' days are incredibly busy either preparing for learning, delivering lessons, marking tasks and attending meetings, and as such they may not be able to respond on the same day of receipt. If the matter is urgent, we ask that parents either call the school or mark the email as urgent.

## **Social Distancing**

To maintain the integrity of the class bubbles as best as possible, we ask that parents be mindful of children's activities before and after school. Whilst the park is open and free to use, if large numbers of different year groups are playing together on the equipment, it will undermine the systems we have in place to protect our community.

Also, we ask that during drop offs and collections that parents and carers are on time and adhere to the social distancing rules. There are still many vulnerable groups that we need to protect.

Thank you for your on-going support and cooperation.

**Finally...**

It has been fabulous to welcome our Gresham family back and all be back together again. The children have been amazing as always, coping well with the change of routines.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Steele

Thank you for reading our newsletter.  
Have a lovely weekend