

Gresham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Whole school attendance

90.7%

Thank you for your continuing support.

Highest attending class

Rec, Y1, Y3 & Y4s

100%

Well done

Thank you and well done!

Thank you so much for your kind words this week. It really has been a week like no other. We have been blown away by the success – by pupils, staff...and parents!

Expectations – please don't worry!

After lockdown no1, a lot of feedback we received from parents was that they would like live virtual lessons from their child's teacher and a more structured timetable. The government has also given firm guidelines, including a *minimal* of 3 hours remote learning for primary aged pupils. Parental voice, government guidelines and our own vision, values and professional knowledge about learning have driven the design of our remote learning offer.

Whilst we understand that what we provide will not be ideal for any one person and their circumstances, we feel our provision works well for the vast majority and is a huge improvement on the remote learning offered during lockdown 1. We also understand that some parents may see a structured timetable and scheduled online lessons as an extra pressure. This is not our intention. We know that many of you will be working from home, looking after small children and/or caring for other family members, as well as trying to run a household all whilst under strict lockdown measures. We also appreciate that most parents are not professional teachers and teaching is hard! As such, there will be more productive days than others and we only ask that you do your best with what we are offering. We are here to help.

We are constantly reviewing our remote learning offer and any significant changes to our provision will be made by the leadership team. Any minor

tweaks to your child's class arrangements will be made by the teacher and they will email you an update if any changes are made.

BBC TV lessons

BBC TV is to help children keep up with their studies during the latest lockdown by broadcasting lessons on BBC Two and CBBC, as well as online.

The primary programmes, which will be broadcast on CBBC from 09:00 every day, will include BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. We know our Gresham pupils will be busy with their lessons, but you may want to look out for relevant shows to watch in their breaks, or record for later.

If you have older children in your family - BBC Two will cater for secondary students with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, including adaptations of Shakespeare plays alongside science, history and factual titles.

Bitesize Daily primary and secondary will also air every day on the red button as well as episodes being available on demand on iPlayer.

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Covid Symptoms

It has become apparent in recent weeks that Covid-19 symptoms can present themselves in various ways. We have had some reported cases which have presented themselves as typical colds. We ask therefore that if your child is coming into school, you keep your child at home if they display **any** signs of being unwell, including cold-like symptoms.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.
Have a lovely weekend

