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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all well and managing to keep safe.

Following the closure of the school, we have been setting up systems in order to be able to maintain communication between school and home.

All classes now have an email address set up specifically to support home learning. These email addresses are as follows:-

- For Nursery and Reception, use :- EYFS@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- For Y1/2, use:- Y1and2@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- For Y3/4, use:- Y3and4@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- For Y5/6, use:- Y5and6@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk

The purpose of these email accounts are for the teachers to be able to support the children with their learning at home. The children/parents will be able to email questions and queries about the work in the home learning pack. When the work is completed, it can be sent to these email accounts via scanning, as a word attachment or as a photo. This will enable the teachers to give individual feedback and general comments on the children's work. The teachers will reply via email as soon as possible after receiving the email. Initially, these email accounts will be active during the teachers' usual working day.

On the website, we now have a blog page. Hopefully, this will help the children to still feel part of the school community. Please use the class email addresses to send updates and photos of what the children have been doing. Please be mindful that this material will be used as blog updates on the site; if you do not want your child's photo to be used, please feel free to send a photo or written account of an activity that they have been doing.

A recent initiative that has started internationally, has been for children to display pictures of rainbows in their windows. This is to spread a sense of hope and community spirit. As a home art project, please encourage the children to participate by drawing and displaying a rainbow in a window at home. Please send photos of this via the class email and this can be displayed on the blog.

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The school will keep in regular contact with all our families throughout this difficult time. If any of our families find that they need emergency support or help in any way, please email the school. Emails will be monitored on a regular basis for this purpose.

Finally, the best thing that we can all do to help ourselves and each other is to follow the clear guidance that our NHS is giving us. This will help us to fight the coronavirus and to keep ourselves and our families safe.

I wish you all the very best at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S.M.Wickens
Headteacher

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