



Dear Parents and Carers

## COVID-19 Update

I am writing to you with an update on the current position with the Coronavirus. We continue to engage with and take advice from a variety of trusted sources such as the Local Authority, the DfE and Public Health England to ensure that we implement all guidance and recommendations accurately to reduce risks to pupils and adults.

Grimsdyke pupils should continue to attend school until the end of this week unless they have a high temperature, a new continuous cough or have already been in self-isolation.

Moving forward from this point, all schools in England **will not** reopen on Monday morning for the majority of pupils, however, for pupils of the following key workers the school will be open:

- Medical, nursing and paramedic staff
- Workers in adult social care, social workers and teachers
- Health care assistants and administrators (in GP practices/clinics)
- Registered childminders
- Nursery staff
- Emergency service staff e.g. police and fire

In addition to this, the school will also be open for pupils in the following categories:

- Pupils whose parents are involved in delivering front line services e.g. supermarket delivery drivers
- Pupils with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- Pupils who are currently in receipt of support from a social worker

This provision is available if you are a key worker or front line service staff and you have a child at Grimsdyke School. It would be extremely helpful if you could use the following link to indicate that your child/children will be in school on Monday. The earlier that this information is shared the easier it will be for the school to make appropriate arrangements.

**[www.grimsdyke.harrow.sch.uk/keyworkers](http://www.grimsdyke.harrow.sch.uk/keyworkers)**

Specific information regarding the continuation of the curriculum and learning experiences for each of the year groups will be released shortly via email. We intend on providing a variety of open ended tasks in a number of different ways. Children who are in school this week will receive paper copies of some of the activities to bring home. This should maintain learning momentum through until the end of the Easter break where we might be in a better position to assess what happens next.

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We are aware that this school closure will cause significant hardship for some of our families, for example those on benefits and those entitled to free school meals. We would like to reassure those families that they can still contact the school for advice and support through the normal channels. At this point we will continue to do as much as we can to help you manage the well-being of your children. At the moment we are reviewing the provision for free school meals, further information on this will be shared in due course.

Finally, I am sure that you can appreciate this is a testing time for everyone, we will do as much as we can to support parents by sharing relevant information as and when it is presented to us. Currently the information in this letter is in line with the guidance coming from central government, if this changes then we will update you accordingly. Please do keep checking the regular communication channels e.g. School Coms, School Website and Twitter.

Should you have any questions regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Sutherland  
Headteacher

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