



# Goldenhill Primary Academy



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*"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"*

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Dear Parent and Carers,

I thought I would take this opportunity to write to you and keep you in touch with school.

Firstly, I hope you and your families are well and are staying safe in these unprecedented times. It is now over 6 weeks since schools closed their doors to all but a very few number of pupils and we are very aware that this is an extremely long time for children to be away from school.

Many people are starting to find this time incredibly hard- children, parents, adults, teachers included. It is a long time to not be able to see loved ones and to not be able to experience what we know as normality.

Teachers are continuing to set work for their classes remotely and the main source of communication is through text and the academy website. At times you may feel overwhelmed with the amount of work that is set, especially if you yourselves are working from home. Those with young children especially may find this difficult. However, please don't worry if the work that is set for your child is not completed- just do your best- the most important thing is that your child is happy and safe. We would rather you have too much to choose from than not enough. When we return to school, we will ensure your child is academically on the right track, but what is most important now, more than ever, is that they are happy and safe. It's important to remember that all children are in the same situation and are not being formally taught at the moment, so there is no such thing as "falling behind".

We are always available should you need support. Should you have an urgent need to contact school or wish to speak to a member of our office staff during school hours, please call 01782 235790.

However, should you require support any other time please email [office@goldenhillprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@goldenhillprimary.org.uk) and someone will be in touch.

## Next Steps:

Whilst we have no specific information yet about schools re-opening, what will be expected of us, or the timescale, I wanted to reassure pupils, parents and carers that we are contingency planning carefully, to be as ready as we can be, for whatever lies ahead.

We understand that there are many that need our support, many that would like the school to open very quickly and others that have a lot of anxiety about what lies ahead. As soon as we are made aware of what is happening, we will give you as much information as possible and we will do our very best to support you.

At present the Government advice is clear: **Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives**

Our school website has all of the key information and contacts. Here are the main links:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-leaflet/coronavirus-stay-at-home-protect-the-nhs-save-lives-web-version>



We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and VE Day celebrations and that you and your family stay safe and well.

Please take care and keep safe.

Mr. S Martin

Head Teacher

