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The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Executive Headteacher: Mrs. Lesley Jones

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (eg NHS staff, police, others in frontline services eg armed forces, teachers and childcare staff, care home workers, social workers, prison officers and probation staff, fire fighters, delivery drivers) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office on 020 8692 4907 or email admin@ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk by the end of today, and we'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who the advice does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can, and will let you know when this is by details on the website and via text message. Please make sure that the school office has your most up-to-date contact number and email address.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your children to learn.

- Parents and children will find work set for them, in a resource pack, and on the school website – this will be updated with new learning regularly so don't forget to check it
- Children will be expected to complete all work that the school has given them
- As always, learning will be set on Bug Club, Mathletics, Lexia, Century & PIXL – log-ins will be sent out again in the pack
- Teachers can be contacted through the class DOJO (limited to between the hours of 08:20am – 3:00pm)
- In the event of any safeguarding concerns, SLT / Designated Safeguarding Leads will be available on the school phone number between the same hours

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with, are:

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Swimming

This is as much as we know right now, and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.



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If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via

admin@ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

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