



19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have now had two weeks of home learning followed by two weeks of Easter holidays....and now we are at the start of the Summer Term and home learning is about to start again. I hope you are staying safe and healthy and that you and your children are coping without your friends and your normal routine. We are certainly finding it difficult and strange not seeing all of them every day but at least the sun is shining most days 😊

Teachers have been busy preparing a range of activities for the children and plans will be posted at the beginning of each week. It is entirely up to you how you organise learning for the week – please do not feel under pressure to do every single thing. As you know we are all tackling this differently and you have to do what is right for you and your child. We have given you a range of subject areas so that you have a choice, including a new topic for Y1 and Y2, but it's up to you. If there's one bit of learning that you can do alongside your child, it is to keep hearing them read – there are links to Oxford Owls within the home learning information if you have run out of reading material at home. The Norfolk Library Service also have a lot of ebooks available for you.

Teachers are very happy for you to email them with questions, with ideas and with pictures of what your child has been doing at home:

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Don't forget there is also a wealth of ideas on our Facebook page: Friends of Garrick Green. In line with school policy, staff are not permitted to be 'friends'

with parents on Facebook so if you want to contact them directly, please do so by email.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

There has been a lot of confusion about free school meals and the voucher system that the government has put in place – I will try and explain it! As you know, all infant aged children get a free school meal every day at school if they want one. This is called Universal Infant Free School Meals. In addition to this, there are some children who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, this is linked to family income and benefits. At Garrick Green, those children also benefit from a uniform allowance, free trips and clubs. Once those children are in Junior School, their free school meals will continue. Those children are also eligible for the meals vouchers during lockdown and have been notified about this.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**

Rachael Aitken, our Family Support Worker is working from home and is very happy to support you via email or phone at this challenging time. This is for anyone, not just those of you who have already worked with her.

Her email is [raitken6bra@nsix.org.uk](mailto:raitken6bra@nsix.org.uk)

Finally, I would really like to have a record of everything that the Garrick Green school community has been doing during lockdown – not quite sure what yet, but maybe a time capsule or a display of work, activities, photos, quotes.....so please start thinking about what you would contribute to this and I'll let you know once I've thought about it properly.

Liz and I will start doing assemblies on Facebook live again this week so look out for times and days.

Please stay in touch with us via email and Facebook,

Best wishes and stay safe,

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