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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

NEWSFLASH
27/03/2020

Good afternoon,

Well, what another busy week for us all!! It certainly has been a week like no other. But I must start by saying a huge...



As a whole staff team, we are delighted that home-school learning tasks have been taken seriously and the children are working so hard, to complete their tasks that teachers are planning and reading and responding to. There have been many different approaches to home-learning. We felt this strikes a balance between continuing to stimulate the brain, with purposeful learning taken from the year group's continuing learning journeys, whilst giving time for physical wellbeing and also for time as a family, to ensure mental health and wellbeing and completing family tasks around the house together.

Home school learning, based on six tasks a day should be achievable in a couple of hours. There are many routines being established, we have had some really positive feedback...

My children have been amazing and are staying focused. I just want to thank all of the teachers, as they are all doing an amazing job, to provide us all with a lesson plan each day, couldn't do it without all of your support what an amazing school my children go to. So thank you, for all of your support at this hard time x

It is at this point, I want to extend my sincere thanks to the wonderful staff team we have at Gatten and Lake. They truly are a superb team, who regularly go above and beyond to provide each and every child with what they require to ensure their needs are met – academic, social and emotional. The staff are working incredibly hard to continue to provide quality education for your children, both through working a rota system of school and home work to provide not only home learning but support for vulnerable children and those key worker families, who are doing so much for our Island community on the front line.

We all have so much to be grateful for at the moment, despite the worrying bigger picture.

If you have any concerns or worries please remember we are here to help... email: admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk
telephone: 869910 or 07399 815187

**THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF**

In school we continue to regularly update the school risk assessment. Here are additional strategies we have in place to protect everyone in this pandemic.

Home-school Learning – slight adaptations...

As I have previously said... THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU... for all the brilliant work on the home learning platforms.

Staff have been doing a brilliant job to provide education for those children in and out of school. As this is a new way of providing teaching and learning we are constantly reviewing what is working well. Under normal circumstances this would have been completed before we went 'live' with a system, but given the speed of putting things in place, we had limited opportunity for this.

In order to tweak the system and be proactive to increase efficiency, we are slightly altering the way we use the online learning platforms....

Y1 to Y6

- Teachers will still upload the daily planner to Class DoJo each day 😊
- Some tasks will still be accessed via Purple Mash 😊
- Tasks that are not accessed via Purple Mash – please upload photos, videos, etc. to the Portfolio section of Class DoJo. This way the teacher and myself, Mrs Day, can see the wonderful work. This also allows the work to be saved into a pupil folder on the system and makes collation easier. 😊
- The portfolio section is only viewed by yourselves and the staff. 😊
- Messenger on Class DoJo is to be used for queries for teachers but not uploading work. 😊

There is a separate document, which will be attached to this email/newsletter about how to use the student portfolio as the portfolio view is only accessible through the student login, not the parent login.

We can't wait to see more fantastic work over this next week.

EYFS

- The teacher will still set work via both Class DoJo and Tapestry each day 😊
- Please could all evidence now be collated in one central place – Tapestry. This is easier in order to create a continuous learning journey for your child. 😊
- The teacher likes to collate everything at the end of the year and provide a disc of the first year at school. 😊
- Class DoJo can still be used for messaging between parents and carers and the teacher. 😊
- Please continue to work your socks off YR. You are doing a brilliant job. 😊

All previous actions still apply with the additional actions now in place with regards to Coronavirus (COVIC-19)

As per the advice from the government, the school has taken the following actions for infection control:

- - All children wash their hands thoroughly from entrance to the school and very regularly throughout the day.
 - Each child has their own labelled work space, with their equipment in school, so they always work in their own space.
 - Workstations are cleaned twice a day
 - The toilets, handles, flushes, etc... are cleaned after each and every person used them
 - Social distancing is strictly adhered to with 2m kept apart at all times.
 - The outdoor gym was used with gloves, but in line with national advice the outdoor gym has been taken out of action completely now, so children do not have mixed messages.
 - Outdoor learning takes place, so the children are exposed to lots of fresh air.

Emergency School Meal Menu for the week beginning 30.03.2020:

Please remember school meals cost **£2.05** a day or **£10.25** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day, if they are at school due to being a dependent to a key worker.

	Main meal Option	Jacket Potato
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Mixed Salad, Sweet Corn	Jacket Potato with (Cheese/Beans/Tuna)
Tuesday	Sausage Roll, Wedges, Mixed Salad, Vegetables	Jacket Potato with (Cheese/Beans/Tuna)
Wednesday	Macaroni Cheese, Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with (Cheese/Beans/Tuna)
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with (Cheese/Beans/Tuna)
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips, Baked Beans, Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with (Cheese/Beans/Tuna)

Daily Packed Lunch Option for any child eligible for Free School Meals to collect from school daily.

Sandwich with a filling of either: Cheese / Ham /Tuna	Cake or Cookie	Apple, Cucumber sticks, Carrot sticks
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Collection of packed lunches for all FSM children, will be in line with safeguarding and safer working practices. Therefore, entry to the school site to eat these is not permitted.

Orders need to be placed at school each morning by **10am**, unless a rolling order is established, as these need to be prepared on site daily.

Collection of the packed lunch by the parent/carer of the child will be at **11:30am**. Please wait at the front of the school, outside of the office but maintaining social distancing protocols.

Uniform

Uniform will be required for children attending school. This way people don't need to worry about home learning clothes each day and they may not be in plentiful supply. This will also help to keep the structure for the children.

Working from home routines

I would strongly advise that parents and carers work with children, to adopt a clear approach to working from home from the very first day. We have been thrilled to see that many families have adapted well to this and have a clear system up and running at home. This will vary from household to household. There is no 'best way' to do this. It must work for your family at this time.

Suggestions of what should be included in your routine:

- A set place to complete school work - age appropriate of course. This space should be used to build the structure and of course, should be free from distraction such as the television or telephones.
- A set time period to begin and end activities – either in one session or with breaks built into the day.
- Getting dressed before beginning work - this helps everyone home working.
- Staff will monitor completed work and will be feeding back to the children.
- We will inform you if work is not being completed.

Our School Rules	
Do	Don't
😊 Be kind and helpful	😞 Hurt anybody
😊 Work hard	😞 Waste time
😊 Look after everything	😞 Waste or damage things
😊 Listen to people	😞 Interrupt
😊 Be honest	😞 Cover up the truth

School Rules:

We know that many homes have rules and boundaries and these will be in place during this period of time. But a few people have asked... so I thought I'd update the language we use in the school rules, so we can reinforce the positive messages about being kind and helpful to people, looking

ice for each child, each day

after things (especially during this time), listening to people, being honest and working hard. Please remember we are here to help if we can – contact info is at the bottom of the newsletter.

NHS and School Nursing:

The NHS 0-19 Public health team including Health Visitors and School Nurses will continue to be available via our duty desk: Tel: [821388](tel:821388)

Email: www.0-19dutydesk@nhs.net

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IOWPHTEAM/>

We recommend that parents and young people have a look at these websites for general health advice.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/>

School Contact Information:

School will be contactable during this period and during key worker opening times. If there is a slight delay in our response, this will be due to us working with a skeleton staff in school.

Telephone number: 01983 869910 or in any emergency 07399 815187

Email: admin@gattenlakepri.iow.sch.uk

As we approach the end of our first week where we have experienced closed school and tight restrictions in the community can I remind you of the rules that Boris Johnson, Prime Minister has asked us to adhere to and true child friendly speak, from Newsround...

Mr Johnson said you can only leave your home to:

- Shop for things you really need, like food or medicine
- For exercise once a day either on your own or with people you live with
- For medical reasons or to help elderly or vulnerable neighbours
- Grown-ups can travel to work but only if it is essential and they cannot work from home.

STAY AT HOME

I am continuously thinking of all our families, friends, teachers, staff and community at this worrying time and send my sincere love to you all. Please keep safe by following the guidelines. If anyone needs support or wants to talk anything through please do not hesitate to call.

Kindest Regards,

Rebecca Day – Headteacher