



# GHPS Update

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Dear Families,

In what has been one of the most challenging times for all of us, I wanted to write to you to express my thanks to you and our whole school community for the support and positivity shown to look after each other.

I also wanted to update you on what has been happening.

In the past week colleagues at the school have worked tirelessly to plan and provide support for our most vulnerable pupils as well as those children of key workers who have nowhere else to go. I would like to publicly thank all of the staff who have been able to come to the school site to provide this support in what are worrying times for us all. It is in times like this that the dedication of our school staff really shines through.

We have been able to offer all of our families who are in receipt of Free School Meals a £25 grocery voucher, we did this well before the government voucher scheme which will start on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Our thanks also goes to Dennis our Therapy Dog and his pals at Canine Assisted Learning who have donated many bags full of shopping that we have distributed to a number of families. Dennis has also been FaceTiming some of the children he works with, if you are sent a login link for Dennis please do try to use it.

The depleted teaching team we have at the school have managed to upload many learning resources on to our school website and my thanks go to Ms Sharp who spent 2 days delivering printout packs directly to some of our families.

My thanks also go to Mrs Wise, in the office, who has spent lots of time trying to make the pupils pages of our website easier to use and has reorganised the learning resources to make them more easily accessible.

I also want to say thank you to you at home, please know that whatever you are managing to do is great. Many of us are juggling lots at the moment and we are all discovering the challenges of home schooling! Whatever you do makes this a positive experience for both yourselves and the children. You will have received lots of web-links to online resources to support you.

The latest guidance from the school is a [daily timetable](#) with links to some interesting activities and events you can follow to add some structure to the day.

We are constantly developing our response to the coronavirus outbreak and your responses to my [survey](#) will help shape our offers for the future.

Thank you again for your continued support, keep safe and remember the government's key message to stay home to protect the NHS and save lives.

Take care of each other,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Ferris".

**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher

## School Provision

As you are aware, we are operating a school provision for a limited number of children.

- These are:
- Children of keyworkers who cannot be safely cared for at home.
  - Children with an EHCP who cannot be safely cared for at home.
  - Children with a social worker.

If you have not accessed a school place, but believe that your child is now eligible for one, please contact the school office – [secretary@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk)

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