

# Harrow Gate Primary Academy

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**For attention of parents and carers who are not identified as key workers.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the government announced last night that for the majority of pupils, school will close on Friday for the foreseeable future. I am sending this letter to outline how we will keep in contact with you and the children over the coming weeks and how we will support their continued education at home.

We are reacting to government recommendations as swiftly as possible but please be reminded that we receive information at the same time as you!

Staff will continue to work hard in order to ensure that children can access learning and support whilst at home.

For the foreseeable future this is how you will access all learning –

- Work will be set using Class Dojo Portfolio – if you have access to Class Dojo your class teacher will have already set this up for your child. Please let us know if you have any problems with this.
- Teachers will use Class Dojo to set work daily. They will offer support and feedback will be given when work is completed. **Unless your child is ill they will be expected to complete any work set for them.**
- Work will comprise of an English and maths task – which may be a task to be carried out on a computer or laptop. A paper based option will also be available for those who cannot access such resources or for parents/carers who might want to limit screen time.
- Teachers will also set a ‘topic’ task which will be designed to allow your child to take part in a project with the rest of their class. These tasks will be much more creative and children will be able to share their work with each other using Dojo Class Story.
- If you have no internet access work will be delivered to your home and collected for marking.

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Your child will receive a learning pack on Friday. This will include the resources needed to carry out their work such as an exercise book, paper learning tasks, pencils and a ruler. School have ordered a range of other resources that might be needed should closures continue over a longer period of time. We will distribute any resources that you need in order for your child to carry out their work.

If school closures continue over a prolonged period of time (4 weeks +) then we will have to change the way we set work. We will keep Class Dojo as our primary means of communication but we will use the school website for all learning. We are currently working on this and will let you know as soon as it is up and running. We will also deliver fresh packs of resources to enable new learning to take place.

Any children who do not have internet access will not be disadvantaged - work will be delivered to them regardless of any changes to school systems.

School will still be open for a number of children and you can still call us regarding any queries or worries that you have.

If you are identified as a key worker or have been contacted by school then your child will be able to attend school from Monday to Friday at the usual time.

Thank you Harrow Gate families for all of your supportive messages - they have meant a lot to all staff as we continue to try our very best to ensure the children are safe and well. Please look after each other and stay in touch! Remember we are here to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Galt and all the staff at Harrow Gate.