



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Coronavirus Update

I would like to reassure you that we have not been made aware of anyone in our school community who has tested positively for the virus. However, we do have members of our community who are self-isolating because they have developed a fever/cough.

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk): [111 online coronavirus service](http://111.nhs.uk) If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

**Current advice remains in place:** no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Good hygiene is being encouraged at school, and we ask you to also talk to your children about the importance of hand washing and disposal of used tissues. We have put in place a number of additional measures, including handwashing at frequent intervals during the day and sanitisers at the entrance for adult visitors. The children have been extremely sensible and have responded well to the guidance we have given them. Thank you for your support too.

Some pupils require their own hand wash soap due to allergies etc. Please inform the school in writing and ensure the container is labelled clearly for your child to place in the sink area in the classroom.

**Looking ahead, we have made the decision to not take part in events that require the use of public transport or coach travel until further notice.** We have also made the decision to postpone the Year 4 swimming lessons planned for the beginning of the Summer Term. We will confirm next week if parent/teacher consultations will go ahead as planned, but I suggest you go ahead and book your appointment – the system goes live on ParentMail at 6pm this evening.

Please see the following link for a Newsround clip that you may want to watch with your child:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51204456>

Meanwhile, we will continue to follow Public Health England guidance and we urge you to do the same:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>





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## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

The children have had a week of engaging scientific activities this week.

- Look out for the 'Duck Cam' on our website during the week. The ducklings have hatched but are going on a mini break with Miss Childs this weekend!
- The house captains shared some magical science in their House assemblies
- A Science Fair will be provided by the Year 6 children for all of the other year groups to visit
- Thank you to Parents who have jobs with a science background who talked to the children about their work:
 

Year 3	Orthopaedic research	Year 4	Pharmaceutical research
Year 5	Design concepts in Smart technology	Year 6	Midwifery
- Classroom doors will be decorated next week on the theme of 'Our Diverse Planet'

## Class Assemblies

Well done to 5J for their fabulous assembly on Climate Change. Please see the dates below for the rest of the assemblies below. The assemblies will be in the Junior Hall. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend. Parents wishing to bring Infant siblings need to inform the Infant School in advance and follow guidance from them regarding registration. **All assemblies will be at 2:30pm.**

**Year 5: 5S** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 4: 4S** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**4G** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**4J** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA....

### ➤ EASYFUNDRAISING [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

4,000 shops and sites will donate to Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way for free when you use #easyfundraising to shop online. This includes all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Moonpig, Viking, Groupon, Waitrose, Screwfix, uSwitch and many more – so you can raise no matter what you're buying! [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj/?block-header=true&utm\\_campaign=raise-more%26utm\\_medium](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj/?block-header=true&utm_campaign=raise-more%26utm_medium)

### ➤ ASTRA CLOTHING RECYLING BANK - Next collection is Tuesday 24th March 2020

Having a spring clean? There's no need to hoard all your old clothes, sheets, towels, bags, belts and shoes. Pop them in a bag and drop them in our Green Clothing Bank located in the Junior Playground at drop off or pick up and help to raise some much needed funds for our school. You can get rid of as little or as much as you like!

### ➤ FACEBOOK PAGE

Our facebook page is run by our PTA Chair, Rachel Joseph just for parents/carers. Join our group today to be kept up-to-date on all PTA and school events, chat with other parents and become part of a great community.

Search for GSJS PTA COMMUNITY under Facebook Groups or follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSJSPTACOMMUNITY/> and request to join - it's a simple as that!

(Please note your personal facebook profile will not be public to the group unless your privacy settings allow it to be)

### ➤ PTA GARDEN SUBURB SCHOOLS LOTTERY .....you've got to be in it to win it!

How the lottery works: £1 per ticket. For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>  
Good luck everyone!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

