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Dear Parent/Carers

As you will have seen in the news this week, the Prime Minister has now confirmed that the schools will remain shut until at least 8th March and will give schools two weeks' notice prior to reopening.

We will continue to provide home learning to the majority of our children and site-based learning to those children of key workers and those identified as vulnerable.

We will break up for half term on Friday 12th February at 3.15pm. Monday 22nd February is an INSET day and the children attending the Key Worker School will start back on Tuesday 23rd February. Home learning will also resume on this date.

We are aware that this is a difficult period for everyone and some families are struggling with completing all of the work we are providing. Please celebrate what you do achieve and be kind to yourself and your child. It is difficult to keep children motivated during this period. Most children will be missing the social part of school and this may be impacting on their mental health as well as yours. Think carefully about what you share on your class WhatsApp chat and try not to 'out do' each other when sharing what you are managing to achieve. Please be aware that some families are really struggling.

Inside Out Day Wednesday 3rd February - Wear an item of clothing inside out!

Inside Out Day, during Children's Mental Health Week, is an awareness campaign that aims to enable young people to start talking about their mental health. How someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside, so it is important to always be kind and think of others.

Turn your clothes inside out to get important conversations started. No one should be embarrassed about how they feel.

Schools across the country are urged to support Inside Out Day – as it is easy to implement and a meaningful way to engage pupils in discussions around emotional well-being. It is important that children know that it's OK not to be OK. No one is perfect, even though they may look so from the outside. My assembly uploaded onto 'Showbie' focused on Inside Out Day today.

Sharing pictures of your children online 'sharenting'

There are a number of factors that you need to think about before posting pictures of your children online. It can be incredibly difficult to delete content once it's been posted online. Multiple 'likes' and 'shares' could send a picture of your child halfway round the world, to people you don't even know. Once the image is on someone else's hard drive, you'll never be able to remove it.

From a very young age children are becoming aware of social media. If you are posting pictures of them online, you ought to start asking for their permission. You're not just respecting your child's privacy; you're also helping to introduce them to concepts of online etiquette. Involve them in the process of deciding which photos are okay to post and who gets to see the photo. By doing this you will also be helping them understand that posting pictures online has safety issues.





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Please also consider how your child will feel, in the future - even when they are an adult - about how you have used their images, as well as what you have shared about yourself, on a social media platform.

If you know someone who is sharing pictures of their children on social media, please make them aware of this message.

Key Worker School

Symptoms or contact with Covid-19

PLEASE ENSURE: If your child develops symptoms you must not send them to school. You must seek advice from NHS 111. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or you can speak on the phone by calling 111. They will advise you if you should book a Covid-19 test. To book a test you can also call 119.

Please ensure that you follow all advice regarding testing and self-isolating and inform the school of any test results on the email address: welfare@gajs.barnetmail.net When communicating with the school - Please ensure that you include the **full name of your child and their year group and class.**

CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ON SITE: As at Christmas we are required to report to Test and Trace any staff or pupils who develop symptoms during the first 48 hours of the half term break.

Home Learning

Safeguarding and Live Video

All Year groups are using live sessions which for the most part is very successful.

To be safe please follow the guidance below:

- Monitor other siblings and members of the household very closely while your child is attending a 'live' session
- Ensure your child's name is displayed on the account
- Ensure your child's camera is turned on

Further guidance on the use of live video is attached to this letter.

Maths Fun Week 1st February – 5th February 2021

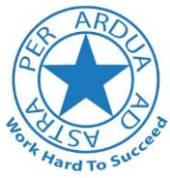
Next week, we will be holding a Maths Fun Week. We will be promoting and celebrating an enjoyment of maths across the school. We are organising a range of activities throughout the week, including a 'Who Wants to be a Mathionaire' quiz, a 'Times Tables' quiz and a 'TTRockstars' tournament. There will also be a 'Mathematical Cake' competition.

'Mathematical Cakes' on Friday 5th February

We are inviting the children to design or make a cake decorated with a mathematical theme. The cake competition will be judged by class teachers on Friday and a winner from each class will be awarded a prize. The prize will be awarded to the child in each class who has created the most mathematical and creative design (either a sketch or baked cake).

Your child's design will be judged on the following criteria:





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- mathematical theme
- creativity
- eye catching design
- neat presentation

Thank you for your support in making this a fun and exciting week for the children.

Finally, I am delighted that we have now started to issue the laptops that have been provided by the DfE which is supporting some of our families during this very difficult time.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar/ Head Teacher

