

Garden Suburb Junior School

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4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I wrote to you on 31st December to inform you that due to the high number of coronavirus cases in the local area, schools in Barnet are included in the list of local authorities who need to put in contingency measures for the start of term.

This means that **Garden Suburb Junior School will be closed to most children until 18th January 2021**. The Government will be reviewing the situation prior to this, and making a decision about whether this will need to be extended. The Prime Minister is to make further announcements this evening.

Home Learning Policy

Attached to this letter is our new 'Home Learning Policy'. This policy was sent to you in the newsletter of the final week of term. This policy has been approved by the Governing Body. We will be adapting and developing our 'Home Learning' in order to support you and your child. We are still evolving our provision. Please give us time to get this set up and overcome any problems together. We will contact you, to seek your feedback in the coming weeks.

Some key points to note:

- Please be assured that we are here to help, especially if you are having difficulties with accessing 'Showbie' or if you have welfare concerns. Your child's class teacher can be contacted on their class email which are listed on our website along with all of our other contact details.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

- Each day will start with a live registration where the teacher will talk through the day. The children are expected to be dressed suitably and preferably in their uniform. The day will conclude with a catch up live session.

Registration	End of the day catch up
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Y3 - 8:30am	2:30pm
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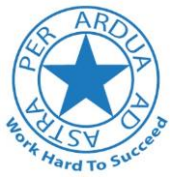
Y4 - 8:45am	2:45pm
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Y5 - 9:00am	3:00pm
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Y6 - 9:15am	3:15pm
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- Please ensure that you monitor your child's online activity carefully.
- We were very lucky last term that only one class had to isolate in the first week of September. Although we have been setting up our online platform and teaching the children how to use it, we have not 'had' to use it fully yet. Please give us some time to get used to using this resource. The teachers have been working hard today recording instructional 'Loom' lessons. Please be aware that the planning that the teachers did before the holidays has now got to be adapted for online learning. This takes time.





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- We are all managing our own personal challenges that Covid-19 has forced upon us. I am concerned about the workload and wellbeing of my team. The teachers are having to plan and deliver the learning in a very different way. They also have to work in our key worker school for some sessions during the week.

The 'Key Worker' school

The key worker school will open tomorrow for those pupils who meet the criteria and I have written to the families of these pupils to inform them of the arrangements in place. **If your child does develop 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@gsjs.barnetmail.net When communicating with the school - Please ensure that you include the full name of your child and their year group and class.

Yours sincerely

E. Bhavsar

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