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Dear TG families

As you will all be aware, the government have announced the closure of schools in England to all but the children of key workers (more details on this to follow). This is an unprecedented situation and we have been working very closely with the other schools in our MAT to draw up a plan for how we will operate during the closure and to prepare learning resources to support you and your children at home.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you information about the arrangements we are making to support learning and maintain contact with you all during the closure. As I hope you can all appreciate this is a completely new situation and the way that we operate to meet the challenges ahead will evolve over time.

Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it!

What work will be set for my child?

At Temple Grafton we will be providing you with a mixture of 'paper' and on line activities matched to the different classes. There will be no SATs this year, however we had already prepared study packs for Year 6 and they will be bringing them home as they contain valuable learning which will support their transition to high school.

Learning Projects

Please read the attached guidance about our weekly learning projects that we will be sharing each Friday by email. Each child is being given a new home learning workbook to bring home today. The book will be a place to record work completed in the weekly projects. We do not expect them to record every bit of home learning in the book; we would like them to select at least one thing each week that they feel particularly proud of to record in the book. When we reopen, the children will be able to share the books with their teachers and classmates.

Kindness Project

In assembly this morning, we talked with the children about the importance of looking after each other and taking care of everyone in our households whilst we are away from school. We have made a *Little Book of Kindness* for each of the children and would like them to record one act of kindness or a good deed that they have carried out each day in the book – this could be in the form of a picture or a sentence. Once we are back in school, we would like to share and celebrate the books in school.

Online Learning

To support your child's learning at home we have compiled a list of useful websites which is attached to this letter. Also, we are sending home a reference sheet with each child that has all of the relevant usernames and passwords -just in case they forget!

In addition to our regular websites we have signed up with a free online learning platform called Study Ladder which has activities linked to all areas of the curriculum. Our teachers have not yet had the opportunity to set up learning on Study Ladders and we will let you know once we have done so – this may take a week or so to put in place.



Reading

We would like all our children to keep up their reading and spend some time each day enjoying a book. Children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 will be able to complete AR quizzes from home; the log in details are on our web links information sheet. Don't forget your booklists that we shared last month.

What if I need to contact my teacher / the school?

Whilst we are closed, the teachers will respond to emails via the following addresses between 10:00am – 11:00am in the morning and 2:00pm-3:00pm in the afternoon should you have any questions relating to the work set or your children want to share a message with their teachers.

Teacher	Email for the duration of school closure only
Mrs Hendry	tgmrshendry@gmail.com
Mrs Gray	tgmrsgray@gmail.com
Mrs Yorke	tgmrsyorke@gmail.com
Miss Taylor	tgmisstaylor@gmail.com
Miss Harvey	tgmissharvey@gmail.com
Mrs Staples Grantham	tgmrsstaples@gmail.com

Throughout the closure our school admin3066@welearn365.com email address will be monitored daily by myself and Miss Britt; we will be following government guidelines closely and would ask that you avoid using the admin email address for anything other than emergencies.

How will the school contact me?

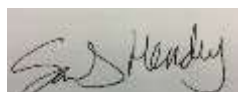
All letters will be emailed out through the admin email address; they will go on the school website (go to 'Parents and then 'Letters'), and a post will be shared on 'Facebook'. We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, in line with the government guidelines.

We know that this is a challenging and unsettling situation and I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period. We will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers and are very much looking forward to the day when we come welcome you all back into Temple Grafton. Look after each other and stay safe.

Finally, I would like to offer a prayer for our whole school community:

“Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support us, protect us, guard us and watch over us, lifting up all who are brought low, that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.”

With kindest regards and my very best wishes



Mrs S Hendry

