

20 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Covid-19 Update & School Resources**

Firstly, I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe. I hope you managed to make the most of a very different and difficult Easter period. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April marks the start of the Summer Term and I wanted to provide you with the most up to date information we have.

As you are aware, the Government increased the lockdown period by three weeks on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Therefore, **school will remain closed for the next three school weeks at least.** The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has indicated that, 'schools will remain closed until the scientific advice changes.'

School will continue to be open for those students classed as vulnerable and those students whose parents /carers are classed as key workers.

### **Home Learning & Resources**

#### **Primary Phase:**

- Home Learning tasks will continue to be set on Show My Homework and Tapestry. Please also use the Primary Twitter Page for updates.
- Primary students also have log in details for TT Rockstars and Numbots; Year 5 and 6 have been issued with log in details for Hegarty Maths.
- BBC Bitesize has also launched online lessons that are specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- The Department for Education has also launched the Oak National Academy which is providing lessons specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found by visiting <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- Also please be reminded that if you have any questions about your child's learning or need to contact their class teacher then you can use our e-mail addresses which are; [KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk) & [KS1andEYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:KS1andEYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)
- For those families struggling to access online resources teachers are working hard to provide more work packs.

#### **Secondary Phase:**

- Secondary Departments will continue to provide work through Show My Homework.
- If students need to contact their teachers; each subject has an e-mail account linked to their department teachers. The information on how students can access their school e-mail accounts can be found on our website [www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk](http://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk) under Pupils, Email Access. A list of the departmental e-mails can also be found on this area of the website.
- In addition to Show My Homework, Secondary students also have login details for Hegarty Maths and many are already accessing Seneca as part of their learning.

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### **The School Day & Office Opening Hours**

The school will continue to be open for those students classed as vulnerable and those students whose parents /carers are classed as key workers. Breakfast will be available from 8.30am and school will close at 2.40pm for all students attending. Please can I ask that parents and carers pick up promptly so staff can support their own families. The office will hours will continue to be open from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

In terms of safeguarding we have continued to monitor the safety and welfare of our students and kept the Local Authority updated daily. Daily phone calls and home visits have been a feature of our work to keep students safe. Should you have any concerns you should e-mail [Safeguarding@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@thegrangeacademy.co.uk).

Should you have concerns 'out of hours' then you can e-mail the school but we would also advise you to contact the Local Authority ICART on 0303 333 4300 from 9am – 5pm. For any concerns outside these time please contact Social Care Emergency Duty Team on 0345 050 0148.

Further safeguarding information is available on the website using the link below; <https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/parents/safeguarding/>

### **Free Schools Meals and National Voucher Scheme**

The support for families in terms of food provision has been enormous. Over 200 food hampers have been distributed to our families and we have rolled out the National Voucher Scheme, which provides supermarket vouchers via e-mail through the Edenred Portal. Please keep checking our Social Media for updates regarding the National Voucher Scheme.

Those students who may be in school and are not entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a meal as normal. We have also been in touch with the Local Food Banks who have provided us with information about how they can be accessed during this time. This information can be found using the link below;

<https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/parents/coronavirus-guidance/>

## Social Media

I am sure, like me, you have been extremely grateful for the competitions, information and the community feel to our social media. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that My Ed, our website and our social media accounts will be used as the official method of communication during the period of closure to ensure reliable and clear communication from the school.

**Website:** [www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk](http://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

**YouTube:** [grangeacademyruncorn](https://www.youtube.com/grangeacademyruncorn)

**Twitter:** @Grange\_School

**Instagram:** @thegrangeacademy

**Facebook:** @grangeacademy

I have also placed some useful links below to recent Government publications. Please continue to follow the Government guidelines; stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives.

Finally, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Ian Critchley  
Principal

### **Government Guidance – Useful Links**

#### **Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=59550d3f-e5b5-424b-b66e-d353e6ac73a1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=59550d3f-e5b5-424b-b66e-d353e6ac73a1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

#### **New Major Package to Support On-Line Learning**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-major-package-to-support-online-learning?utm\\_source=4e85bd97-1e30-4780-b15f-f697e7553dea&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-major-package-to-support-online-learning?utm_source=4e85bd97-1e30-4780-b15f-f697e7553dea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

#### **Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=2e5b55a3-a70c-4ef9-9d11-f63b6d452437&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=2e5b55a3-a70c-4ef9-9d11-f63b6d452437&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

#### **Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=b0838257-848b-4d77-b72f-37767d087fd1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=b0838257-848b-4d77-b72f-37767d087fd1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)