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## GLADE NEWSLETTER

(25<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Community!

Our newsletter usually goes out on a fortnightly basis, but whilst the school is temporarily closed we will be sending this much shorter version out weekly - we don't want you to forget about us, and we don't want you to think we have forgotten about you!

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you for being so sensible in following the government's guidance, and only sending your child/ren to school if you are a key worker, and you have no other option for childcare.

### **The government released further guidance last night:**

- "Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild;
- The most common symptoms of coronavirus are a new, continuous cough or a high temperature (over 37.8 degrees);
- For the vast majority of children and staff, coronavirus will not cause serious illness.

Key workers are defined as parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, including those who work in health and social care and in other critical sectors (the full list is available on the internet). However, many parents working in these critical sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading."**



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To help ensure that the risk of the virus spreading for both children and staff is as low as possible, the government is asking us to make you aware of the following:

- Please do not visit the school unless it is absolutely necessary...and definitely not if you are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus;
- If you are a key worker, dropping children off at school, or collecting at the end of the day, please do not gather with other parents at the school gate;
- Please try to follow the social distancing guidelines;
- Make sure anyone who is feeling ill stays at home;
- We are making sure that staff and children are frequently washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, and we are encouraging them to avoid touching their faces, and to use a tissue or their elbows to cough or sneeze, and bins for tissue waste...please can you encourage children at home to do the same;
- Please follow guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)
- Please do not gather at entrances or in playgrounds;
- Please model social distancing so that your children learn good practice.

THANK YOU!

## Class Dojo:

Staff will be uploading a new set of work to our Class Dojos on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - this should keep you going for about a week. A big thank you to all of the staff for the work that they are putting into using the Class Dojos, and a big thank you to all of the parents, carers and children for the way in which you are making use of this! It's good to stay in touch...

## Message from Miss Harrison:



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Miss Harrison has asked me to pass on the following request...she knows that many families are having daily keep fit sessions in their homes (e.g. Joe Wicks); she would love it if you could take a photo, or a little video, and then upload this to Class Dojo please, so that children can receive dojo points.

### **And finally...**

We are still here, if you have any questions, or there's anything we can help with then please do send us an email ([office@gla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@gla.eastern-mat.co.uk)) or give us a call (please don't pop in)...the office is manned between 8.30am and 3.30pm, and there's an answering machine to pick up messages outside of these times; we will get back to you.

I again need to say a huge thank you to all of our fantastic members of staff...they are doing a wonderful job in difficult circumstances, continuing to put the needs of our children and the local community first at all times, and I am immensely proud of all of them.

Please take care everyone... looking forward very much to seeing all of you, safe and well, on the other side,

Tracey McCarthy ☺