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GLADE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Community!

This is the second of our weekly updates since the school closure. It is a strange time to be working in, but I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support during this unusual time.

This newsletter will signpost you to some places which you might find useful to access more support during these difficult times.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have had several people enquire about Free School Meals. Those who only qualify for universal free school meals (EYFS and KS1 children) will not receive the Free School Meal hampers. However, if you believe your child qualifies for Free School Meals (even if they claim Universal Infant Free School Meals), go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and enter your details.

Also a reminder to those who qualify and have requested hampers for next week and the week after, these are to be collected on Tuesdays.

Mental Health

Presently, it is a very confusing and challenging time for not only our children, but also ourselves. **GOOGLE: covid 19 mental health guidance parents** and follow the government website which may be useful for any of your questions as well as providing some interesting suggestions for dealing with situations.

The arts are also another great way of helping our mental well-being. Here are some pieces made by our community:



[at.co.uk](http://www.gladeacademy.co.uk)
[ny.co.uk](http://www.gladeacademy.co.uk)
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The government released further guidance last night about school closure. The full list can be found by googling School Closure Parents and following the gov.uk link:

1.3 How long will schools and colleges be closed for?

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, schools, colleges and childcare providers will be closed to the majority of pupils until further notice.

Over the Easter break, Glade Academy will remain open for the children of key workers and those classed as vulnerable as it has been since the closure. **The school will however be closed on the two bank holidays (Friday 10th April and Monday 13th April).**

5.2 If only one parent or carer is a critical worker, can I send my children into school?

Children with at least one parent or carer who is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response can attend school if required.

However, many families with a parent or carer working in 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.

This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

6.3 Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)



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- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Using the internet is a brilliant resource in this day and age and helps us stay in contact with our loved ones and access super resources. However, it is a tool which needs to be used very carefully. The NSPCC have provided this useful website:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

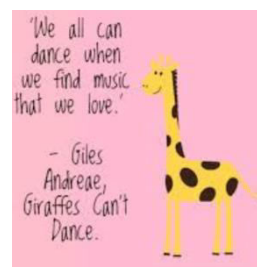
Also as a member of this school, your child has access to Espresso which is built with the purpose of serving primary aged pupils. The access code for this is found on Class Dojo or can be requested from your class teacher through the Dojo app.

Class Dojo:

On this point, Class Dojo has been a brilliant tool in helping us all stay in touch. Please continue to use this to communicate with the school's staff. It has been great to not only see all the English and maths work etc. but also the baking and drawing and planting of vegetables.

And finally...

We are still at school, 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) 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.



Look after yourselves; we all cannot wait to be back together again.

Kieron McDonald ☺