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To all our children and families,

Welcome back to the Summer term – of what is now our ‘new normal’. I hope you have all had a good an Easter as is possible in these unprecedented times and have been able to enjoy time with your families. It is very strange for all of us to not be able to welcome you back in person.

As you will have seen from the Government announcement yesterday, the current lockdown is in place for at least the next three weeks, therefore schools will continue to remain closed with the exception of key workers’ children. We will continue to provide home learning throughout this time. We are keeping a close eye on national events so we are ready to respond appropriately as a school should there be any changes to the current restrictions.

We’ve all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you’re doing supporting your child’s wellbeing and learning during this time.

Home learning

We have updated the home learning for your children. This will be emailed out to you today via Parentmail and it will also be available on the school website under the ‘Home Learning’ tab. There are class email accounts so that the children will be able to send photos of their learning to their teachers for them to receive feedback on. Please do this with your child, so that we can ensure what is being sent via the class email is appropriate. You will receive a letter from each year group today with instructions on how this email process will work.

As I mentioned in my previous letters to you, we acknowledge that every family circumstance is different. We are very aware that we have families where both parents are required to work from home, and/or one parent is alone at home trying to work and support their children. This can make home-schooling very challenging and stressful. Please do what you can.

Keeping in touch

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting us via this email address: school@giffardpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

But just because we’re not all in the same building, doesn’t mean we can’t have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the school website, the school Facebook page and on Parentmail for further updates.

We also love seeing the children’s fantastic learning at home – please keep sending photos of their work in via the school or class email addresses as we would like to showcase it on Facebook in due course.



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)
- [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)

The 2.6 Challenge

London Marathon Events has teamed up with other UK event organisers to create The 2.6 Challenge, beginning on Sunday 26 April – what should have been the date of the 40th London Marathon, the world's biggest one-day annual fundraising event.



The Covid-19 pandemic has had a catastrophic effect with the cancellation of thousands of events and the loss of billions in income through fundraising events. Many Charities are now facing closure. We'd really appreciate your help to save Epilepsy Action, the charity myself and Mrs Wiles are running the London Marathon to raise money for.



As a charity, Epilepsy Action is completely reliant on fundraising and donations for the money they need to run their vital services. With events cancelling across the country, Mrs Wiles' family and I have signed up to be home heroes to help Epilepsy Action survive the coronavirus outbreak.



We have been training since January to run the London Marathon this Sunday... so there is no way we could sit back and do NOTHING on that date...



So the plan is to run 26.2 miles over the course of the week finishing with the final 2.62 on Sunday...Mrs Wiles' family have also come up with a list of 26 things they are also going to do as a family on Sunday to help raise vital funds for Epilepsy Action. Maybe you would like to do some or all of these challenges with us? That would be GREAT! We would love to see photos if you do!

If you can, please make a donation to Mrs Wiles' Just Giving page of whatever you can, even just £2.62 🙏 every little helps. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/glynis-wiles2>

- ☆ run 2.62 miles
- ☆ 26 star jumps
- ☆ hold a plank for 26 seconds
- ☆ 26 star jumps
- ☆ mountain climbers for 26 seconds
- ☆ skip for 26 seconds
- ☆ dribble a football for 26 seconds
- ☆ 26 bunny hops
- ☆ 26 times up and down the stairs
- ☆ throw and catch the ball 26 times
- ☆ hop for 26 seconds
- ☆ 26 sit ups
- ☆ hold glute bridge for 26 seconds
- ☆ 26 bicep curls





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- ☆ 26 lunges
- ☆ stand on one leg for 26 seconds
- ☆ run on the spot for 26 seconds
- ☆ 26 burpees
- ☆ 26 Russian twists
- ☆ 26 step ups
- ☆ hold a squat for 26 seconds
- ☆ run up and down the garden 26 times
- ☆ 26 side lunges
- ☆ name 26 famous people
- ☆ put on as many items of clothing in 26 seconds
- ☆ put as many chocolate buttons in your mouth as possible in 26 seconds!!! 😊

#epilepsyaction #epilepsyactionheroes

P.S we've been in training for this (see photos 😊)



Just Giving Page Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/glynis-wiles2>

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Continue to take care and I am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing the children again back in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

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