

# Grasmere Primary School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you and your child had a relaxing weekend and enjoyed a break from remote learning. Last week was not easy on any of us: staff, parents or children. But I think we all deserve a huge pat on the back for our collective effort and understanding of challenges that having to adjust to a very different start to the new term brought. I would like to say thank you for the emails you might have sent to staff, recognising their efforts.

At this difficult time, I will dispense of the weekly letter, instead communicating more regularly to ensure you are up to speed with everything the school is trying to do and let you know of things that are on offer to support you and your child.

## Remote Learning

Thank you for your feedback regarding the learning from home offer. As outlined last week, we are building on it all the time with more live teaching across the school via Zoom and work being posted on Seesaw. The uptake has been really good. However, I know parents feel pressure about expectations. Please do what you can, that is healthy for you and your child. Prioritise maths, phonics/ reading and writing. Daily routines might take time to establish: don't worry. Your child's teacher is on hand to support if you need them.

## Access to technology

I would strongly encourage you to request a laptop or tablet from the school if your child is struggling to access the remote learning. It is vital that all children engage so that learning lost due to lockdown is minimised. **PLEASE EMAIL** [Headteacher@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk) or write a note and drop it into the office. We will be able to give you a device the next day.

Also, schools can request mobile data increases for children and families who meet all 3 of these criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

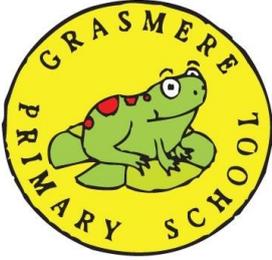


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- O2

Again, if this applies to you, please contact the school using the email address above.

## Free School Meals Vouchers

A national scheme to provide supermarket vouchers via an online portal should be available to parents in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals [FSM] as soon as possible. Further details will be published shortly, and the school will be in touch with these. In the meantime, we are offering daily meals for collection, which we aim to build up to weekly food parcels.

Please stay well and I will write to you again later this week.

Kind regards,

Nick



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