



# GORRAN SCHOOL

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Dear parents

I felt the need to write to you and offer some reassurance about the 'home schooling' situation that we all find ourselves in. I am really aware that amongst you there is a range of opinions, attitudes and confidence around this issue, so I thought that I would share my thoughts.

This is an unprecedented situation, and one that we were not expecting. Your child's teachers have worked really hard, with very little notice to provide you with resources for your child. These ideas, materials and links are there for you to use if you feel confident to do so – they are definitely not a requirement and cannot replace the teaching that would normally happen in school. Nor are they a competition! If it becomes a battle, please stop. If you are working from home and your child cannot work independently, then also please stop. Do not panic that there is too much, or that more keeps arriving in the form of links from your teacher – this is just us giving you options of different things to try, not orders to do them (apologies if it came across this way initially and we've given you the wrong end of the stick). The last thing we would want to feel is that you all have to suddenly become fully qualified teachers. We will stop sending out so many Dojo photos, but try for a weekly update instead.

We are here to support you, so please call or email or Dojo (or 'Dodo' as one of our governors calls it – no names necessary).

Many of your children will benefit from having some sort of structure to their day, so that is why we have suggested timetables – but these are only suggestions.

Ideally, what we would love is

- for your child to read each day;
- for you to encourage them to write regularly (a diary or project on something that they can research would be great);
- for them to get creative – do art, cooking, make things;
- for you to talk to them – family discussions can be a really good way of dealing with worries
- and of course, to try and find time for fun as they all have a flair for this.

You are the expert on your children (we know them well, but only have them for 12% of the year) so you can judge how much to do and when to do it (so it suits your day too). Don't forget that there would be an Easter holiday coming up soon! Most importantly, you are doing the important job of caring for your children in these difficult times.

We are extremely grateful for your support, patience and understanding and send our very best to each and every one of you.

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