Thursday 9th April 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, I want to send you and your families my very best wishes during these difficult times. I understand how difficult life must be for many of you at the moment and I want you to know that you are in my thoughts every day.

Those of you who are entitled to Free School Meals should all now have received a Tesco voucher from the school. Moving forward, the government have introduced a voucher scheme which will ensure that families entitled to Free School Meals receive a weekly supermarket voucher. The school is in the process of downloading these and they will be e-mailed to you next week.

With regards to work, teachers have been uploading work every day onto Show My Homework. You can access Show My Homework via the school website – if you click on the Show My Homework link on the website you will be able to see what homework has been set each day for your child. If you are struggling to log into Show My Homework please e-mail the school at [homework@greatfieldsschool.com](mailto:homework@greatfieldsschool.com) and your child’s password and username will be sent to you. Please note that no work is being set during the Easter holidays in order to give staff and students a break. Work will resume on **Monday 20th April.** It is extremely important that your child is doing this work every day so that they do not fall too far behind while the school is closed.

The school will remain open during the Easter holidays (with the exception of the Bank Holiday weekend) and next term for the children of key worker families and for our most vulnerable children.

Heads of Year and the pastoral team have been phoning families over the past couple of weeks to check on your child’s welfare. If you have any concerns or worries please don’t hesitate to call the school and we will ensure that a phone call is arranged with your child’s Head of Year to support you. Below are a list of numbers and websites which you can also access if you need support:

***Community links:***

*Contact Heather on 07867458967 or* [*Heather.carss@community-links.org*](mailto:Heather.carss@community-links.org) *if you are experiencing financial hardship;*

*Contact Jules on 07734022497 for advice on consumer, employment or housing legal advice; filling in paper and online forms; assistance to pay your rent and benefit decisions.*

***Online counselling for children:***

[***https://www.kooth.com/index.html***](https://www.kooth.com/index.html)

***Foodbanks:***

*Dagenham Food Bank*

*Telephone: 020 8595 0122*

*Barking Food Bank*

*Telephone: 0208 617 0660*

It is during times like these that community becomes even more important and I want you to know that the school is here to offer you any support that we can during these difficult times.

My thoughts are with you and your families.

Yours faithfully

Richard Paul

Headteacher