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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have presented new challenges for all of our school community. We now have a small number of Key Worker and vulnerable students still accessing the school with the majority of young people remaining at home and taking part in our Home-learning activities. Our staff are spending time at home running home learning activities and in school delivering face to face lessons.

I am sending this letter to you all wherever and however your young person is accessing their learning as we want to maintain our community spirit and to feel that we remain one large, happy learning community.

Firstly I want to tell you all how amazing our staff have been. I genuinely have not received a single complaint or even a little moan about anything I have asked them to do! I am in an extremely privileged position to work with such a dedicated, professional staff group.

Also thank you to the parents who have taken time to thank the staff. They often pass on your comments and it really makes a huge difference in such a stressful time. In particular thank you if you took time in a busy week to write to OFSTED praising our efforts – we really appreciate your kindness!

Home learning has got off to a good start with lots of families joining daily zoom sessions, choir, accessing dance sessions and completing the work packs we sent home. I know that teachers have also been making welfare calls and I congratulate you all on managing this alongside siblings work and still remaining positive. Do remember we will always help our families as much as we can. Do speak to the class teacher or Key stage coordinator or email schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk if there is anything you need support with. Don't forget you can access the school pantomime on-line and soon there will be a magic show coming.

In school there it has been a busy week. A team of our staff have trained to run Lateral Flow Rapid tests for staff. Hence all staff are being tested twice a week. We have had one positive case in school this week and so we have one bubble of staff and students isolating. We have also had two buses with positive cases so those students are also isolating. I always inform you of positive cases in school but you will only hear of those cases on transport if they have a direct impact on your son / daughter. We have also heard that some of our families have contracted the virus so we send our best wishes to them for a speedy recovery.

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Just a few reminders.

- ✓ If your child is doing home learning and you are experiencing any problems call the school and we will help you.
- ✓ If your child is doing home learning and there are any changes, please give us three school days to put in place any new arrangements.
- ✓ Please do NOT send your son / daughter to school if they are unwell. We want our in-school community to remain safe and healthy.
- ✓ Please make sure that if your young person has any of the Covid symptoms that you get them tested. These are;
 - A temperature.
 - A continuous cough.
 - A loss of taste and smell.
- ✓ Please be available to collect your young person from school at short notice if we have any confirmed cases in school. We will then advise you regarding the dates for your young person's 10 day isolation.
- ✓ If your young person is in school, we would suggest that you can attend an asymptomatic testing centre at the Lewisham Civic suite. All young people attending schools in Lewisham are recommended to have rapid tests to avoid the virus coming into school. This is not compulsory but would keep our school community safer.
- ✓ At Greenvale we will not be carrying out testing of our young people as it would be very difficult and traumatic for the majority of young people who could not swab their own throats.
- ✓ Please be assured that we would never carry out any such procedures without first seeking your consent.
- ✓ Remember that we are keeping our windows open during the day so students should come dressed appropriately.

We hope that your son / daughter remains interested and motivated in their learning - however that is being delivered. We are enjoying every minute that we share this with them whilst also looking forward to being back together in school when it is safe to do so.

Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our community safe.
Enjoy the weekend.

Kindest Regards



Lynne Haines
Headteacher

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