

the GREENROOM school

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Update at GRK - Friday From Home

As you are aware, during lockdown we moved to an online school and then a hybrid school with both online and physical school. There were countless challenges through that time with many great successes. One of these successes was the pupils ability to work online, something which helped their independence, relationship with staff, access to specific subjects and for some their confidence.

With this in mind we would like to not lose some of the brilliant things learnt from this experience and take some positive out of something so challenging. **We would like to trial GRK working one day a fortnight of online school for this half term.**

This would mean every other Friday, pupils and staff would work from home using their allocated chromebooks and the Google suite.

We feel this will have many benefits. It will allow those that travel far to have a day less travelling. It will allow for specific lessons to happen that we otherwise do not have the space for such as cooking. Pupils will make their own lunch online at home with Jodie, ingredients will be sent home every other Thursday. It will maximise pupils ICT skills and if there was ever a time in the future that we needed to work fully from home again, we at GRK would be ready for it. It would also enable the trades people working on the GRK new build to work with less staff and pupils on site and also give our cleaner an opportunity to carry out deep cleans. It will also offer an opportunity for pupils to catch up or have extra 1:1 English and Maths lessons and allows us to continue with home visits.

We hope you will embrace this along with the staff and pupils. We always strive to be audacious and this feels like the right thing to do for our school and pupils at this time.

If pupils do not take up the online school, they will lose the privilege and will need to attend the school day on site in person. The pupils will have timetabled lessons to attend and registers will be taken.

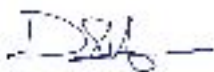
The dates for the Friday From Home will be Friday 18 September, 2 October & 16 October.

If you have any issues and would like to speak to me in person feel free to call or email. Thank you for your support.

Below is a mock timetable to show you how the timetable will work.

Friday 18th September				
9.45 - 10.00		Circle Time DH/All Pupils/All Staff		
10.00 - 10.30	Rob & Becky 1:1 Maths & English	Dan - Coding Group C	Rebecca - Lesson TBC Group D	Jodie - Cooking Groups A & B
10.30 - 11.00		Dan - Coding Group D	Rebecca - Lesson TBC Group C	
11.00 - 11.30		Dan - Coding Group A	Rebecca - Lesson TBC Group B	Jodie - Cooking Groups C & D
11.30 - 12.00		Dan - Coding Group B	Rebecca - Lesson TBC Group A	
12.00 - 12.30		Lunch Club (All)		
12.30 - 1.30		Afternoon Activity TBC Dan/Rebecca		
		Personalised 1:1/Home Visits Jodie/Danielle		

Kind regards



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Head of School