



# Gentleshaw Primary Academy

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great sadness that we say a temporary farewell today. This has been a very difficult few weeks for us all and it would seem that the weeks ahead may be equally unsettled.

May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you for your patience, understanding and support. It has been new territory for us all and your positive comments have been much appreciated. This week we have had to make some very difficult decisions and I hope that everyone knows that this has always been with the children's best interests being the primary aim.

I would also like to say a giant thank you to the Gentleshaw team. I am always proud of how hard all of the staff work and how the children are always at the forefront of what we do. During this current situation they have gone even further than I would have expected.

From next week we will continue to offer support for all of our families; we will continue to support our children in developing as learners and we will continue to celebrate all of the wonderful things that our academy community achieves - just not under one roof.

We will strive to do everything that we do currently, but in a slightly different way!

Please stay in touch with us via the class Facebook Pages, emails and Twitter and keep updated on the academy website.

Best wishes to everyone.

Mrs G Parsons

Headteacher

#TeamGentleshaw

## HOME LEARNING

We hope that our home learning packs helps your child to progress in their learning.

We appreciate that keeping children engaged in their learning whilst at home is not going to be easy so we have set up a class Facebook page that your child can access through your own Facebook account.

Each class teacher has set up their own class page on Facebook and will post videos daily to aid with their home learning. The first video will be at 9.30am on Monday morning. Teachers will also be able to answer any questions that you or your child may want to ask with regards to their learning.

You child's class teacher will be sending you a text message during the next few days with the name of their class page for you to join. In order for your child to take part in the online learning an adult must friend request the group. You will be asked to accept the terms and conditions below and will not be able to join without doing so.

All teacher emails can be found under the Information > Coronavirus section of the academy email.

### Terms and conditions:

- I/my child will use this Facebook page/ group for educational purposes only.
- I know that this is a positive space and any form of inappropriate communication will not be accepted.
- I will not will screen shot or share any information/ posts/ photographs from the group publically.
- I will be patient and understand that teaching staff will reply to my questions and queries as soon as possible, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.

- If I have any complaints or issues I must email [headteacher@gentleshawprimary.academy](mailto:headteacher@gentleshawprimary.academy) or [deputy@gentleshawprimary.academy](mailto:deputy@gentleshawprimary.academy) rather than post these on the group.