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Dear Parents and Carers

Happily, I am contacting you to report no significant changes this week! We have been settling into our strange new world of Staying at Home. For a few pupils this will change next week, as we are offering a holiday programme to our children of Critical Workers and a few other identified pupils. For most it will be Easter holidays, and teachers will also be taking their holiday at that time.

Summer term

As you will be aware from last week's letter and from Government communications, school will be open to a limited few, and those families have been contacted. For everybody else, online school will continue as it is this week: A daily "registration" at 9.45 am on Microsoft Teams, and ongoing learning supported by teachers. Please be aware that many staff will be on a rotation coming into school, so there will be times when your class teacher or TA might be logging in from Gosden, or from home. All children are encouraged to join that morning session.

Phone contact

It is absolutely crucial that we are able to make contact with all the pupils, at least once a week. This is to keep our Gosden family together, but also for safeguarding purposes. As in normal circumstances, schools need to know where children are, in case something serious has happened in your home (this requirement was introduced a couple of years ago when a parent died suddenly and a vulnerable child was left alone for a period of time).

Teachers have been asked to call all pupils who have not joined the morning sessions on a Thursday. Please make the effort to answer the phone. Where teachers are not able to make contact I am informed and will pursue through local authority services. This is an obvious drain on very stretched resources, so it is much easier for everyone if you answer your phone!



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Family support

Annie can be contacted on parenthelp@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk if you are in need of support or advice.

General

Anna and I are looking at starting up a mini newsletter which will be sent home every week over the Summer term. It will be brief, I promise, but I think important to keep in touch at this time.

As we head towards holidays, I wish Easter Bunnies luck in sourcing eggs. And, as the Government says, Stay at Home to Save Lives! Enjoy those egg hunts...!

Yours sincerely

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