

20 March 2020

Dear parent/ carer,

Thank you all for your messages of support during these challenging times. School will close at the end of day and we are unsure when it will re-open, but we really hope that it will be some time in the summer term.

I have outlined below a few key messages for the coming weeks.

First, my teaching staff and my senior leadership team will be available by email and be contacted during normal school opening hours. Any requests will be responded to within 24 hours.

Work has been set on Showmyhomework for all pupils in all year groups. Please encourage a healthy balance between rest and work. Our young people cannot lose a significant period of their schooling without this having a long-lasting impact on their overall potential, so your support here is greatly appreciated.

School will be open for a small number of pupils whose parents are key workers (as identified this morning by the Government) however you should only send your child to school if there is no safe alternative and you have previously made the school aware. This is the first principle of the government guidance. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. Provision in school is the last resort. If you are unsure about the guidance please email fearont@goldington.beds.sch.uk.

Safeguarding services will continue to run both at school and through The Integrated Front Door (previously MASH) at Bedford Borough Council. If children or adults wish to contact the school's safeguarding leads regarding any concerns/advice they can do so via the email addresses below or through the school office on **01234 261516**.

Mr W Atkinson Designated Safeguarding Lead atkinsonw@goldington.beds.sch.uk
Mrs A Jones Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
jonesa@goldington.beds.sch.uk
Mr F Galbraith Principal/third safeguarding lead galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk

Concerns about children should also be directed to The Integrated Front Door, who can be contacted on **01234 261516** or on the out of hours emergency number **0300 300 8123**. Alternatively you can visit their webpage via this



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link <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/social-care-health-and-community/children-young-people/safeguarding-children-board/are-you-worried-about-a-child/>.

Other useful agencies:

CAMH – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service 01234 893300
CHUMS – Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children –
01525 863924
NSPCC – National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children –
0808 8005000 www.nspcc.org.uk
Childline – 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
Bedford Borough Early Help Team –
01234 718700

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/social-care-health-and-community/children-young-people/help-for-families/early-help/>

With my best wishes.



Francis Galbraith
Principal