

15th January 2021

Dear families,

I must thank you all for supporting your children at home. Learning at home is expected by the government and it is now the law that every school provides this to families. We have done all we can in a short time and I am delighted to see that over 280 children have managed to attend 100% of assemblies!

You have all been brilliant at supporting the school. Thank you.

Please contact the school with the subject "Support needed" if you are having technical problems or issues getting online.

This situation has also meant extra pressure for families. If you are struggling with finances or struggling to provide at home, please make contact with the school and we will do all we can to support you. Use the "Support needed" email and we will get in touch with you.

Next week we'll be sharing information with families about uploading work. Your children are working really hard and we want to be able to see it! You will get an email explaining how to upload work for your teacher to see. Thank you to those families who have been doing this already. We will also be sending certificates, badges and prizes home over the next few weeks, details will follow from Mr. Burt!

The comments parents have left on our survey have been shared with staff. I have included some of them at the end of this letter. It has meant a tremendous amount to them. We will keep working with you to make sure your children receive the best education possible.

The cases continue to rise in Yarmouth, so please follow all the national advice and stay at home.

I hope this finds you all safe and well and I wish you all a very happy weekend. I look forward to seeing you online on Monday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Bloomfield

Below is the Government Guidance for Tier 4. Please read it and follow all the advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

A sample of the comment left for teachers. This really have made the staff feel valued and proud. Thank you all:

- Xxxxx is getting on great. She's excited about learning online also she enjoys seeing her teachers and school friends at assembly times. Thank you for all your support you have given and still give to our family in these unprecedented times :)
- Well done GYPA and a massive thank you!!!
- Keep up the great work, you really are doing a fantastic job in these challenging times
- Thank you so much for all the help and online support from the teachers! Both the classes and teachers we have are brilliant!
- Thank You all so much for working so promptly with online working. I was very anxious about my children returning to school because of the virus and our family circumstances. My children are doing exceptionally well with online learning and the staff have been wonderful. Thank You all again.
- A big thank you to Miss Sagon and Mrs House for providing excellent learning packages for both my children! And thank you to the rest of the GYPA staff for helping us when we have needed it.
- The quick response to devise support and help for my two boys has been fantastic and incredibly quick. I am truly grateful to all staff, including those doing the rounds.
- You are all doing such an amazing job to ensure our children are getting the best education at these unprecedented times we are in. Thank you and well done
- I think that with the little notice given all involved have done amazing. My child feels safe and his education will not suffer. A massive thank you for letting him borrow a school laptop. I couldn't praise this school enough. Thank you.
- What can I say but excellent work from you all and you are all a fantastic inspiration to my children.
- This way is so much better and helpful the girls don't feel so alone this time as they still seeing and able communicate with the friends as well x
- I think you have all done amazing at this very horrible time well done to all the staff at GYPA.
- I would like to say a big thank you for the resources that have been provided during this difficult time and a big thank you to the teachers.
- Thank you for all you are doing
- I would like to say how well the school has done and how fast they have all this sorted. How quickly they got the laptops and learning packs out is fantastic. My daughter is loving the online lessons and the web assembly with her class. The school should be so proud of themselves. I'm sad that my daughter will be leaving this school soon to go up to high school as they have done wonders.
- A massive clap for all you teachers 🙌👏 im so proud xxxx is at this school. Xxxx has been doing at least 5-6 hours every day. He loves it. And not even asked to play on his playstation because he would rather play the learning games which is fantastic! Thank you all.
- Well done to all the staff at GYPA, you've all done really well this week for all your students, and I am proud my children are a part of this school.
- They have all been amazing with helping and keeping it fun learning for at home.
- After sending an email about not having the right device for online learning xxx received a laptop the very next day! She is now able to go on virtual assembly & see her friends & teachers. Which makes her very happy. Think the school has done a great job. Thank you.
- Thank you for everything. Stay safe everyone 😊
- In the short time the school had to get things in place they did amazing. My children love the live assemblies and being able to see their teachers and friends. Well done to you all and thank you.
- Amazing support from staff and teachers ,they have done an amazing job well done.
- You have all done the best you possibly can during this atrang time and we want to thank you all.
- You have all been absolutely amazing! The first day was a struggle for most of us parents at home and you all came together so fast to make everyone comfortable! It was amazing! Another thing i'd like to say is thank you & well done for how fast you provided the work online considering they were in school Monday then straight online by Wednesday with 1 day to sort it out you done so well! Thank you all so much for all the support we have received!
- I'm really impressed with how the school has taken on the challenges that have been brought upon us and the support that has been offered to myself and my daughter.
- Absolutely amazing.