



KEY DATES

Unfortunately, we anticipate having to cancel any forthcoming events this term.

Even if we are able to partially open at any point during the remainder of the term, we would still need to be under strict social distancing guidelines.

We will of course update you as and when Governmental instruction enables us to make any decisions.

STAY AT HOME



PROTECT THE NHS



SAVE LIVES



Dear Parents and Pupils,

A big hello to everyone, albeit from a socially acceptable distance. We are mindful of the huge disruptions which have been imposed upon everyone in our community, and as a school we send you our very best wishes. We are thinking of all of you, and hoping and praying that you all stay safe and healthy.

Since the Easter break, there have been changes to the educational provision we are able to provide. Regarding the first two weeks of the national lockdown, it has been described as schools “being asked to fly a plane while building it” and our provision is, and will remain, very much a work in progress. All of our teaching staff remain ‘at work’ whether in school with key workers’ children, or at home, and can be reached via email or on Google Classroom. Please do contact them during normal school hours if you have any major worries or concerns. If you as a family are struggling with the emotional side of the situation, Youngminds offer good advice and tips: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

We will of course pass on any plans for the partial/staggered opening of the school, and how it will work, once the Government and Havering have made any announcements. We remain cautiously optimistic that we will be seeing you again this academic year.

With my very best wishes
Mrs Whiskerd

Welcome to the World, Henry Caines!



Among all the worry and disruption, there has been a piece of fabulous news! Henry Michael Caines joined the world on 21st April and has had just over a week to settle into his new home with his family. The Caines family are all safe and well, and I know you all send your very best wishes to them. The Gidea Park College community is looking forward to meeting young Henry when it is safe to do so.



Headmistress' Awards



- ♦ **Aruna Sriskantha, Riddhi Shatkar and Abigail Ajayi (Form 3)**
Beautiful writing about the power of Prayers.

Gidea Park College wishes to add its respects and congratulations to Captain Tom Moore on his 100th birthday. He has proven himself to be a true hero of these times. He should be a total inspiration to everyone, young and old —
Happy Birthday Captain Tom!



SAVE THE DATE:
30
APRIL

SCHOOL GAMES
CHALLENGE
100!

Have you been inspired by the achievements of Captain Tom Moore who completed 100 laps of his back garden? Be part of something HUGE...take part in our School Games Nationwide CHALLENGE 100!

You can choose any activity using any or no equipment, and complete it 100 times

YOUR SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISER NEEDS YOU...
Join together on
Thursday 30th April
to see what we can complete 100 times across the Country to say
HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY CAPTAIN TOM
Tweet your videos/photos using:
#HappyBirthdayCaptainTom
#StayHomeStayActive

We all love to see your photos of what you are getting up to at home - please do keep them coming in. I would particularly like to see any photos of things you have been doing which have been making you happy during these difficult days. Please email them to me, and I will try to include them in the next newsletter!

To get you going, here are some Form 4 pupils with the artwork they did involving potatoes!



And Keyaan has been working really hard on his project:



Keep in touch, and show us what you are up to! Mrs Whiskerd