



# GOLDFIELD NEWS



## Health and Safety Edition

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### Coronavirus

We are continuing to follow guidance issued by Public Health England and Herts County Council regarding Coronavirus and will update you with any significant information if we receive as the current situation unfolds. For now we have measures in place for additional cleaning/ disinfecting and are ensuring regular handwashing for 20 seconds - singing Happy Birthday twice!

Please find attached the most recent update from Public Health England. This outlines their current advice for all schools.

#### Coronavirus: What you need to do



Wash your hands



Use a tissue for coughs



Avoid touching your face

### Gates

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring all gates remain closed/locked to safeguard the children. As we move through the spring term towards the summer there will be an increase in outdoor learning and, therefore, we must ensure the gates are always secure.

### Dogs

Please do not leave dogs tied up beside the schools gates. This can cause anxiety for some children who are wary of dogs, recently we received comments that a dog was barking at the children as they passed by. Hertfordshire regulations for school clearly state that dogs are not allowed within the grounds (this includes those being carried).



### Internet Safety

In todays society, where our children have frequent access to a range of mobile devices as well as computers, it is essential to ensure that they remain safe when online at all times. The role of parents in understanding the dangers, setting parameters and boundaries for access and monitoring use is paramount in creating a healthy balance and safeguarding children. The impact of excessive use can be seen in children's behaviour, concentration and emotional wellbeing.

We are delighted to announce that Goldfield will be hosting an Online Safety event for parents on Tuesday 5th May, 7.30 pm - 8.30pm. More details to follow, it will be great to have you with us for this informative evening.

### Walk to School Week and Parking

To highlight the need for exercise, and to cut down on car emissions, Goldfield takes part in the Walk to School initiative each year. This year the week takes place 18th - 22nd May, Clean Air day is on the 18th June, we will send out more information closer to the event.



A LIVING STREETS CAMPAIGN

The main issue for our school is congestion in the roads around the school at both entrances. We ask that parents park with care (considering our neighbours and pedestrian safety) a little further away and walk the rest of the way, please 'park and stride'.

