



Griffin Recovery Offer

Griffin Primary is a part of your community and we are so looking forward to welcoming your children back to school – it will be so good to be back together!

The Griffin team needs to provide the best possible offer to your children as they return to school. All children returning to our school will respond in different ways and we want to make sure we can offer the support and guidance they might need. We have four distinct teams and every member of staff has your children's best interest at the centre of all they will plan and do.

Administration team

The office staff are here to answer all calls and queries either by telephone, text, or email Griffin Enquiries (griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org). Our school business manager makes sure we spend our budget/public money in the most appropriate way to support and educate and your children and keep them healthy and happy.

Welfare team

We have expanded the team so that we can ensure a rapid response to issues that might arise. It is a dedicated team of teachers and support staff who can offer advice and support but also signpost families to access further support.

Teaching team

Griffin has an experienced, dedicated and committed team of teachers. They have aspirations and high expectations for all your children. They will want the children in their class to share experiences, catch up on learning and to make sure children will again want to come to school every day.

Support team

Our support teamwork alongside the teaching team, preparing healthy meals, listening to children, hearing them read, supporting them at lunchtimes and encouraging them to work and play with other children in their classes and teaching them to draw, paint and sculpt.

Children do not just come to school to learn, but also to see their mates and enjoy friendships. Our support team provide that extra bit of 'gold dust', an extra pair of eyes and ears and help us all to keep your children safe, be happy and learn.

The Griffin teams are dedicated to meet the needs of your children's learning, personal, social, health and emotional issues.

The curriculum offer



Parent/carers and children must know what will happen 'now and next' ...even more so after a long period of time where some families have not had the routine of going to school. Some children will feel vulnerable, some will be worried coming to school, leaving their families and home.

Some children will have seen and heard their parents struggling with these challenging times. The daily reports of illness and people losing their lives impacts on us all. We have all suffered losses: routine, structure, friendship, opportunity and freedom. Anxiety is cruel. The Griffin team has been working hard to address these issues and planning a daily curriculum that we hope will support the school community.

The Griffin team is passionate about our new curriculum offer that is fit for purpose and will challenge and excite your children to learn. Our curriculum will reskill and rebuild your children's confidence as learners.

The Personal Social Health and Emotional aspect of our teaching and learning now takes on a higher priority. We know that we need to reassure families that we can look after all aspects of the children's wellbeing as well as their academic catch up and progress. We will ensure the PSHE aspect of our offer will underpin all our teaching.

Your child might come home to say they enjoyed their Jigsaw lesson – every week, staff use the Jigsaw lessons to make sure we explore worries and current issues.

We need PE lessons to be challenging and fun. Our team wants children to be active and take part in the routines that encourage them to be healthy and fit; to build their confidence again when playing team sports.

In maths lessons we will discover what children can remember and what number skills we need to practise to reskill all pupils, giving them the foundations to access the maths in their new year group.

We will encourage lots of speaking and listening. We want your children to talk about their experiences of Lockdown and how their lives have changed. We will give them time, space and dedicated staff to help them find the words to express how they feel. We have an improved phonics curriculum to help younger children catch up on their word skills.

We will spend lots of time reading with children to remind them that everything that happens in the world is in a book somewhere! We want to know what they have been reading at home and will encourage them to read more. We will encourage our readers to 'escape' into a world of words and imagination.

Some children might be fragile writers now, and we need to encourage them to write responses to thoughts and feelings. We will inspire gifted writers to write freely and help and support the more reluctant writers.



Children will have heard a lot about science during Lockdown, and how scientists are searching for the answers. We need to harness the children's interest so that they want to recognise more about being a scientist.

We will teach children that history tells us there is hope and solutions can be found for the most difficult challenges. We will share important and challenging events from the past and how the world has recovered.

Children will learn through geography that Hull is part of a world that has been changed by the virus. They will also learn that children just like them in many countries around the world have suffered trauma and loss.

Through class assemblies and collective worship, children will be reminded that RE informs them about different faiths. They will learn that despite challenging times, people have found a way of keeping their faith community together.

Through art, design/technology and music, children will be encouraged to broaden their horizons, imagine different worlds and use different media to express what they see, hear and feel.

Griffin Primary School is determined to offer routine, structure, opportunity and friendship. We welcome your children back. We want the wider school community to make sure the vision of a safe, healthy, happy and successful world becomes a reality.

The Griffin Team

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