

24TH FEBRUARY 2021

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There was a lot of information to take in from Monday's Prime Minister's briefing, including confirmation that we will be able to welcome all children back to school on 8th March.



Whilst we look forward to Book Week next week, those of you at home can celebrate the week in the hope that this will be the last long period of remote learning; however, it is vital that we all continue to follow the guidance so that the different stages of the government's 'roadmap' can be met. I've added some images to highlight the key rules of each stage on page 3 of this newsletter.

We will be continuing to operate in school in the same way as before Christmas in our Class bubbles. Start and finish times will remain the same (see overleaf), children need to be in uniform (can still wear trainers) and may continue to wear tracksuit bottoms on PE days, the dinner menu remains the same (menu overleaf) and the current plan is for swimming lessons to resume after the Easter break. Please make sure your child comes wears an extra layer or two under their uniform as guidance still requires us to have windows open to allow good ventilation to keep the risk of transmission low.

In January, we reviewed our risk assessments in light of the new COVID strain and began temperature checks. With an increase in pupil numbers from March 8th, we will be continuing to temperature check children and staff when they arrive at school. No data will be recorded and we will be using non-contact thermometers.

As before, we will spend time in the first few weeks of school working with children to get them back into the school routines, to focus on wellbeing, to build their confidence and to allow them time to think and reflect on any worries they may have. Mrs Clarke, our Learning Mentor, will be on-hand to support children who need more input and she will be sending a pupil questionnaire out to children via Teams before they return to school to give them the opportunity to share any of their worries with her.

Please remember it is crucial to keep alert in identifying any of the three main COVID symptoms within your family and that you let us know immediately if anyone in your household requires a test. Children cannot come to school until a negative result is obtained. Gayton staff are now self-testing twice a week to allow us to identify positive cases before they become symptomatic and therefore further reduce the risk of transmission. Any positive cases within the class bubble will still require the bubble to close and children will return briefly to remote learning whilst they isolate.

For the remainder of this term, I have been advised to shield so will not be on site each day. I have no doubt that Mr O'Donnell will keep the school running as safely and as efficiently as ever until I am able to return! I can still be contacted if you wish to speak to me by either telephoning the school office or by email: head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk

If your family circumstances have changed during this lockdown and you think you may now be eligible for support with Free School Meals, information on how to apply can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Stay safe. Mrs Hill

Drop Off & Collection

Start Times:

- Class 12—8.30am—Upper School Entrance Class 11—8.40am—Upper School Entrance Class 10—8.50am—Upper School Entrance
- Class 9—9.00—Upper School Entrance
- Class 8—9.10am—Upper School Entrance
- Class 7—9.20am—Upper School Entrance
- Class 6—8.30am—Lower School Entrance
- Class 5—8.40am—Lower School Entrance Class 4—8.50am—Lower School Entrance
- Class 3—9.00am—Lower School Entrance
- Class 2—9.10am—Lower School Entrance
- Class 1—9.20am—Lower School Entrance

Collection Times:

Class 12—2.55pm—Upper School Entrance Class 11—3.05pm—Upper School Entrance Class 10—3.15pm—Upper School Entrance Class 9—3.25pm—Upper School Entrance Class 8—3.35pm—Upper School Entrance Class 7—3.45pm—Upper School Entrance Class 6—2.55pm—Lower School Entrance Class 5—3.05pm—Lower School Entrance Class 4—3.15pm—Lower School Entrance Class 3—3.25pm—Lower School Entrance Class 2—3.35pm—Lower School Entrance Class 1—3.45pm—Lower School Entrance

For everyone's safety, one parent only on the school site at drop off or collection, please observe our one-way system and continue to wear face masks on site. Thank you for your support with this.

School Dinners

On March 8th we will be on our Week 2 menu. Don't forget that children are able to have dinners any days they wish and are still able to order sandwich bags if they would prefer. These are delivered to classrooms for the children so that they don't have to leave their bubble to get their dinners.

Week 2:

Monday—Burger & Wedges Tuesday—Fish Finger Sub & Chips Wednesday—Pizza & Wedges Thursday—Jacket Potato (with cheese, beans or both!) Friday—Sandwich & Chips



Please remember that dinners and sandwich bags cost ± 2.20 and **must be paid for in advance**. Please contact Miss Ashworth (aashworth@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) in the school office if you do not currently access your online account to pay dinner money and she can send log in details to you.

Facebook

We sent out messages at the end of January inviting you to like our new Facebook page. If you haven't already, please like our new page to follow school news and useful links to parents - we hope this will further enhance communication between home and school, particularly during this lockdown. We started off with some great ideas to support Children's Mental Health Week and will continue to share links to activities and information which you may find useful.



https://m.facebook.com/gaytonjuniorschool/

Roadmap to End Lockdown

Remember that infection, hospital admission and death rates will be reviewed prior to the confirmation of each next step beginning.





Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



Be the best you can be!

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How do I find out?

If you are a parent or carer and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190)



- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

What to do next?

We would encourage parents to check whether they are eligible, **even if they think they may not be; or if they have applied before and been refused.** It's a quick and easy process to apply. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, you can:

- Apply online at <u>https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict</u>
- Ask at the school office for details

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Gayton Junior School will also receive Pupil Premium funding from the government to use to support your child in school.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FORM

Please read carefully. Applicants must complete all sections.

SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please complete in block capitals)

SURNAME	FIRSTNAME	MR/MRS/MISS/MS
NATIONAL INSURANCE NO		DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS		
POSTCODE	TELEPHONE NO	·
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN)	E.G. PARENT/GUARD	DIAN

SECTION B:

Please give details of your child(ren).

Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of school

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