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A big thank you to those parents and carers who have completed our consultation on our Relationships Education proposals. A reminder that today is the last day to participate in the consultation if you still wish to do so. We will look through all responses and update you with any further information or clarification we think may be useful for you, and any changes that may be made.

Our early drop off for siblings has become extremely crowded since March 8th. Please remember that this provision is only for children who have siblings in other classes to support parents who have more than one drop off time at Gayton or Ridgeway. During lockdown, we opened up this provision to all children to support our key worker families during the partial closures but we are not able to accommodate all of these additional children now that we are fully reopen as it poses a risk to bubbles mixing in the school hall due to lack of space. To help us support our families as much as we are able, please make sure you are only using this provision if you need to.

Thank you for your generosity today in aid of Comic Relief 2021. We are still processing your donations and I will update you with our final total next week.



Please remember that school will be closed for pupils on Thursday 1st April for our final INSET day, meaning the children break up for their Easter holiday on Wednesday 31st March.

Stay safe. Mrs Híll

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Rapid Flow Testing

Remember that rapid testing for COVID-19 is now being rolled out to include parents and carers of school-age children, including adults who support as part of a childcare bubble. This type of rapid testing allows for more asymptomatic COVID-19 cases to be detected and can help to break chains of transmission.

With about a third of people with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, targeted, regular testing means more positive cases within households are found and can self-isolate, helping to keep educational settings as safe as possible.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately and we would strongly encourage you to take part in this scheme.

Further details can be found by visiting the website below. <u>https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests</u>

<u>Positive results from one of these tests must be followed up by a PCR test at a testing site,</u> <u>booked in the normal way, and the whole household should isolate whilst you await these</u> <u>results.</u>

School Dinner Payments

From Monday 19th April, we will be introducing a cashless system only for dinner and future trip payments, which will greatly reduce the processing time for our admin staff. If you do not currently use our online payment system, a letter will be sent home with your child next week with the details you will need to set up an account.

Making payments online is quick and easy and enables you to see how much credit you have on your account.

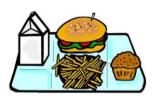
As we are coming to the end of our financial year in school, please make sure any dinner debts you have are paid in full. Outstanding debts have to be covered by the school budget which means we have to use money that should be spent on resources for the children to support their learning and wellbeing. Chasing dinner debts also takes up a great deal of time for our office staff, so please try and keep on top of your payments.

School Dinner Menu

On March 22nd 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.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed during the last lockdown and you think you may now be eligible for support with free school meals, please telephone the office and they will help you to make an application.

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<u>Facebook</u>

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.

