

We are fast approaching the end of what has felt like a really long term for us all and I am sure the children are as ready for a break from learning as we all are! We'd like to thank all our parents who have been involved in home learning this term—we know from our own lockdown experiences that this isn't always easy, especially when children are struggling with the loss of school routines and social contact.

We raised £306.10 in aid of Comic Relief 2021 last week. Thank you for supporting this in what has been a difficult year financially for many: all donations were gratefully received.



We move into the second phase of Step 1 in the government's road map out of lockdown plan on Monday 29th March. This phase allows us to meet up in groups of 6 or two households outdoors, but still does not allow mixing of households indoors. You may have read in the press that infection rates in the Littleover area are finally reducing, so we must all remember to continue to follow the guidance so that we can safely come completely out of lockdown as soon as possible. The last thing anyone wants is more whole school closures.

If your child develops symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell), you must still seek a PCR test at a testing site. A negative result on a rapid flow test will not allow us to accept your child back at school, as these tests are not designed to be used on people displaying symptoms. Please continue to follow the isolation and testing guidance that we have been using since the full return to school in September.

Details of what to do if your child develops symptoms during the Easter holidays can be found on the next page.

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 Hill

Breakfast Club

Remember that Active Bodies will be restarting their Breakfast Club at Ridgeway after the Easter holidays. It will run from 7:30am each morning and staff will walk your child across to school. Each breakfast session costs £5 per child per session.



Please complete the form (link below) if you would like to book a place for your child and email it to Ridgewaybookings@activebodiesuk.co.uk This email address should also be used for any queries you have about the provision.

<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ridgeway-April-21-Booking-Form.docx>

You will also find this link in the COVID section of the school website.

COVID Reporting—Easter Holiday

In the event that your child develops COVID symptoms in the first two days of the holidays (Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th April), please email head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk if they receive a positive result so that we can let everyone who needs to self-isolate know as soon as we can. This is vitally important so that we can help to bring down the R-rate in the city.

Please check for text messages or messages on the school app during the first week of the break.

If your child develops symptoms on or after Monday 5th April and later tests positive, we will NOT need to alert anyone to self-isolate so you can let us know when term begins and we can discuss a return date for your child.



Please ensure you isolate as a family if anyone develops symptoms until you get a negative test result. If someone tests positive over the break, you must all continue to isolate for the 10-day period. The person who tests positive must also isolate for 10 days and can end isolation as long as they no longer have a temperature.

If you have any questions relating to COVID, please email head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk

Prefects

Mr O'Donnell has visited classrooms and announced our latest set of prefects following the return to school. Congratulations to the following children for managing to stand out amongst your fantastic classmates during lockdown!

Class 1—Daniel
Class 2—Rose
Class 3—Darcy
Class 4—Jack
Class 5—Amy
Class 6—Priya



Class 7—Nicole
Class 8—Aliza
Class 9—Noah
Class 10—Zain
Class 11—Shae
Class 12—Harman

Parents' Evening

Please look out for a letter coming home next week regarding how we will be holding our meetings with parents next term!

Communication

Please make sure you have notifications turned on for the school app: it is likely you will miss important letters and information if you don't.

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.



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

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.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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

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. 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 29th we will be on our Week 1 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.

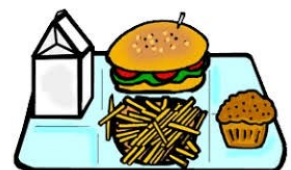
Week 1:

Monday—Hot Dog & Wedges

Tuesday—Chicken Burger & Diced Potatoes

Wednesday—Bacon Cob & Hash Browns

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.



Remember to contact the office if your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for support with free school meals.

Roadmap to End Lockdown

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

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person. No household mixing indoors.



Wraparound childcare.



Stay at home.



Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).



Minimise travel. No holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.



Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.



Libraries and community centres.



Personal care premises.



All retail.



Outdoor hospitality.



All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).



Domestic overnight stays (household only).



Self-contained accommodation (household only).



Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).



Minimise travel. No international holidays.




Event pilots begin.

STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.




Indoor entertainment and attractions.



30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).



Domestic overnight stays.



Organised indoor adult sport.



Most significant life events (30).



Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).



Remaining accommodation.



Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply.
Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.
Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.
Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.



International travel - subject to review.

STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following (subject to review):



No legal limits on social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all life events.



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Learn to Ride

3+

50 Minute Lesson for £20

Children getting onto two wheels for the first time, or have almost mastered it.

Own bike preferred but not essential

Dates & Times

- Wed 7th Apr
- Mon 12th, Wed 14th & Fri 16th Apr

50 minute sessions from 10am–3.30pm

Bikeability Level 1

10-16

Venue Markeaton Park £20

2 hour sessions covers nationally recognized outcomes for riding in control, in the presence of others. This is traffic free.

You need:

- Your own roadworthy bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided

Dates & Times

- Thu 8th April
- Time 1pm–3pm

Bikeability Level 2

10-16

2-Day Course at Markeaton Park

Bikeability Level 2 covers nationally recognised outcomes for riding on quiet roads.

You need:

- Your own roadworthy bike & helmet
- To be a competent rider
- Must have completed Level 1 on previous day.
- Pack up lunch

Dates & Times

- Fri 9th April 10–3pm

All activities **must** be **booked in advance**



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Holiday Club

7-12
years

Moorways Stadium Derby
£15

2 hour session to have fun,
build confidence & bike skills

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- A drink

Dates & Times

- Tue 6 & Thu 15 April, 10-12pm

Holiday Club

7-16
years

Darley Moor, Ashbourne
£15

2 hour session for more
experienced/club riders. To
have fun, learn skills & get
some miles in!

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- A drink

Dates & Times

- Tue 13 April, 10.30-12.30pm

All activities **must** be **booked in advance**



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