

11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It was wonderful welcoming your children back to school last week and it has been lovely having the building full of children again. All of the children have been enthusiastic and keen to get to know their new teachers, who have planned some great activities to help them to do this.



We know that many of you are beginning to return to work (if you hadn't already) and that you are extremely busy, however, it is important that you take time to read letters from school so that we can keep you up to date with any changes—if you have any queries about anything then please email myself or the office: it is far better to get an answer to your query from us directly.

The biggest change we have made is, undoubtedly, our new staggered drop off and collection times. We cannot stress enough how important it is for children to arrive on time at school each morning: this means we can keep them separate in their bubbles without the risk of them mixing. We are still seeing children arrive far too early to be able to come on-site and children who are arriving late so your help with this would be really appreciated.

I am really pleased to let you know that, over the summer, Mr O'Donnell was permanently appointed as Deputy Head Teacher, after carrying out the acting role for two years! Mrs Costema, our SENCO, will also be joining our Senior Leadership Team to provide input relating to children with SEN when we are looking at strategic planning and development for the whole school.

Finally, I'd like to give a special mention to Matthew in Class 7, who was the first person who came to show me some fantastic work this week! Matthew had worked incredibly hard in a maths lesson, impressing Miss Gallagher with his fantastic knowledge of place value! Well done again Matthew!

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Home Learning — Microsoft Teams



Children were given details of how to access Microsoft Teams on their first day back at school. Please check in their book bags if you haven't seen it yet!

If a class bubble closes, then we will continue to provide work for children at home to ensure there are not breaks in learning. To do this, we will be setting tasks and providing online lessons using Microsoft Teams. This will enable children to upload their work so that staff can check their understanding.

Please use the form that was sent with the letter to let us know if you will not be able to access this at home.

Illness

As we see the seasons changing, and children returning to school, it is inevitable that we will see a number of cases of the usual coughs, colds and tummy bugs, especially as children have spent a long time out of the school environment. This is obviously more concerning in the current situation, with COVID-19 still being a high risk illness. Whilst we encourage good attendance at Gayton so that our children are able to access a full education, we ask you to be mindful at this time and consider very carefully whether your child is well enough to attend school.



If your child has had an upset tummy, sickness or diarrhoea, they must be kept off school for at least 48 hours after their last episode.

If your child has a sore throat, runny nose or ear ache, you must judge whether your child's health is affected and whether they are well enough to attend school or not.

If your child has a high temperature, new, persistent cough and/or loses their sense of taste or smell, you must keep them off school and arrange a COVID-19 test (details of how to do this can be found on the NHS website or the school website COVID Information pages). Only once a negative result has been given can your child return to school.

Bear in mind that children who have received a negative test result may return to school still displaying a cough. Please do not be alarmed: many children have coughs over the winter months. Procedures are being followed very carefully and we will not put the health of any child at risk.

Flu Immunisations

You will have received a text message this week with information on how to book your child in for a flu immunisation this Autumn. The team will be visiting school on **Monday 30th November** and are offering the vaccination to children in all four junior year groups.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The unique school code for Gayton Junior School is DC112756

For more information about the vaccination, please visit their website:
<http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>

It is unlikely that they will be able to run "catch up" clinics this year so please make sure you complete a consent form before the date they are due into school.



If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team:

Repton: 01283 707178

Or email DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Road Safety

I know many of you have found that a positive of staggered starts is that there is slightly less traffic on the roads around school and that the jitties are quieter too!



However, I must once again ask that you do not drive up the final part of Gayton Avenue in front of the school gates. There have already been one or two near misses as a result of parents subsequently having to reverse back out. It is vital to ensure our children and their families are safe on their journeys to and from school each day, so please consider dropping your child off further down the road and walking up with them.

KEY DATES 2020-21

Friday 25th September	All Day	INSET Day 2
Wednesday 30th September	AM	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 23rd October	Staggered Finish Times TBC	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 2nd November	All Day	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 3rd November	TBC	Back to School
Monday 30th November	TBC	Pupil Flu Immunisations
Friday 18th December	TBC	Break Up for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 4th January	All Day	INSET Day 4
Friday 12th February	TBC	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 22nd February	TBC	Back to School
Wednesday 31st March	TBC	Break Up for Easter
Thursday 1st April	All Day	INSET Day 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 19th April	TBC	Back to School
Monday 10th — Friday 14th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 28th May	TBC	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 7th June	TBC	Back to School
Thursday 22nd July	TBC	Break Up for Summer