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Newsletter 19

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It has been lovely being back at school since Easter rather than working virtually. Although I was kept well up-to-date with things happening at school, nothing beats seeing the children having fun and enjoying their learning every day and I really missed everyone.

Thank you to all of you who attended our virtual Parent/Carer meetings this week. Please remember to email your child's class teacher if you still need to make a telephone appointment.

Please let the school office know if your child will be off to celebrate Eid in May. You can download a Leave of Absence form from our school website or on the app to do this.

We have put together some feedback for parents requesting more information regarding our Relationships Education and PSHE Policy following our consultation with parents last term—this can be found on our website at the address below. The policy was adopted by the Governing Board at their meeting last week.

<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/relationships-education-policy-and-curriculum-information/>

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

COVID Updates

We are still having children being sent into school with COVID symptoms. Please remember that this is not acceptable as it hugely increases the risk of transmission and puts staff, pupils and our families at risk. If your child has **any** of the symptoms below, they **MUST** be booked for a COVID test online or by ringing 119. A negative LFT test is not sufficient.

- A new, persistent cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of taste and/or smell

If your child was loaned a school laptop during Lockdown, please ensure that it is returned to school as soon as possible so that they can be serviced and then used by children in school to support their learning.

Please continue to use the one way system inside the school grounds to prevent a build-up of parents trying to enter and exit the grounds through the gates. The gate by Lower School is exit only: please do not wait for your child outside this gate as it blocks the jitty for parents trying to pass safely. Parents collecting children from Lower School should leave via this gate, not the main gates please.

**Exit
only**

School Dinners

Please remember that we have moved to a cashless system in the school office so you will need to pay for school dinners online. If you need any help with this, please contact the office.



Drop Off/Collection

Please remember that children should arrive at school on time. We have a number of children still arriving late for school, which can stop them from settling well into lessons on arrival. Breakfast Club is running again at Ridgeway: there are more details on our COVID section of the website.

If you are using the sibling collection in the school hall, please remember that children should be collected by 3:45pm—we have had a number of children left until 4pm recently.



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 since lockdown!

Class 1—Tanvi
Class 2—Oliver
Class 3—Harjeevan
Class 4—Ceren
Class 5—Fizza
Class 6—Amelia



Class 7—Jonathan G
Class 8—Joshua
Class 9—Anya
Class 10—Ellora
Class 11—Aiden
Class 12—Phoebe

Parent App—URGENT

If you have not set your notifications to on, you will not receive alerts for messages or letters via the app. Please make sure you have done this, as we are aware that parents have missed information on previous newsletters sent out using the app and we would like to be able to move to a more paperless system going forwards. Thank you!



KEY DATES 2020-21

Friday 28th May	TBC	Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 7th June	TBC	Back to School
Wednesday 9th June	AM	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photos
Tuesday 6th July, Wednesday 7th July, Thursday 8th July	All Day	Secondary School Transfer Days
Wednesday 21st July	All Day	Treat Day
Thursday 22nd July	TBC	Break Up for Summer

Whitsun half-term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June, 2021



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Taking every precaution

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