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Newsletter 3

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Thank you to you all for bearing with us regarding testing over the last two weeks and for your understanding. It is imperative that we follow the guidance from the government with regards to testing to protect the children and staff in school and all of our families.

Please remember that, if a member of your household is displaying COVID symptoms, ring the NHS symptom checker on 111 for advice on whether a test is required. The whole household should isolate until a negative test result is received or until you have all isolated for 14 days and the symptoms have gone. **Please DO NOT send siblings of children who have taken a test to school until you have notification of a negative result.** This has been the government guidance since before lockdown in March and has not changed. We all understand how difficult this is for families, especially having to have time off work in these circumstances but we are all in the same position here with our own families and this action is necessary to reduce the risk of infection and in keeping the R-rate down.

Over the weekend, please check that your child's belongings are clearly named! Even without children mixing with children in other classes, we have already started a small collection of school sweatshirts which are un-named! Please ring or email the school office if you think one of these might belong to your child.

Our photography company will be in school on Wednesday 30th September. Unfortunately, to keep our bubbles as safe as we can, we will not be able to take family photographs or photographs of sibling groups this year, just individual pupil shots.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

let's do the right thing for Derby



by washing our hands



by keeping our distance



by wearing a
face covering,
if we can



by staying home if we
have symptoms,
and applying for a test

COVID-19 - control the virus

derby.gov.uk/coronavirus



COVID Procedural Updates

With the increasing number of confirmed COVID cases both nationally and more locally, we would strongly advise parents to be wearing face coverings when dropping off and collecting children, particularly in areas where it is harder to remain 2m from other adults, such as the jitty outside school. Please also keep a 2m distance from staff at either door before or after school: if you need to speak to staff about something confidential, please phone the office or email us.



Please remember that we cannot allow parents into the school without appointments. We are seeing increasing numbers of parents coming up to school during the day to drop off water bottles, swimming kits or lunch boxes. From Monday, we will be asking you to use the intercom by the main entrance to let us know that you are leaving something for your child in a drop box and we will collect it and get it to them in class. **Please make sure anything that you drop off is named.**

We are starting to have a lot of children who are being collected late at the end of the day. I know traffic is not always helpful to those who *have* to drive to collect your children, but it is vital that you arrive on time please as we have limited space at the end of the school day for children who have not been collected.

Homework—Microsoft Teams



Thank you to those of you who have already downloaded and used Microsoft Teams to access learning logs!

To help us reduce the amount of items moving between home and school, please use Teams to upload any homework tasks each week rather than bring your homework back to school. Unfortunately, to protect staff, work brought from home will not be marked in the current situation. This will also help us to ensure that children are familiar with how Teams works in case we need to close a class at any time. Please do not worry if you are unable to submit work weekly: as with reading with your child, there is a wealth of evidence that working alongside them to complete tasks like homework has a huge effect on their academic development. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

PE Days

Don't forget that your child can now come to school in black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings on their PE days. Children should still wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan and their school t-shirt (with a collar) - they may still come to school in trainers on other days if you wish so that they have appropriate footwear for the daily mile.

Class 1—Thursday & Friday
Class 2—Wednesday & Friday
Class 3—Monday & Thursday
Class 4—Monday & Friday
Class 5—Monday & Tuesday
Class 6—Monday & Friday

Class 7—Monday & Friday
Class 8—Tuesday & Friday
Class 9—Monday & Thursday
Class 10—Monday & Tuesday
Class 11—Tuesday & Friday
Class 12—Wednesday & Thursday



Flu Immunisations

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>



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