

23RD OCTOBER 2020

All of a sudden, the nights are drawing in and the days are getting shorter. When you consider everything that has happened since we turned the clocks forwards at the end of March, it certainly doesn't seem like it should already be time to turn them back this weekend. We've enjoyed every minute of this half term—just having the school full again has been wonderful and, I know I've said it before, but your children have been a credit to you in the positive way in which they have approached the return to school. ☺

In a bid to return to more normality, we will still be having a book week in November as usual—please look out for more information about this after the half term break!

On the next page you will find information about our remote learning plan. I'd like to thank you all for getting to grips with Teams over the last seven weeks—I know some of you were completely new to it so this has been a steep learning curve for us all! You will also find information about our plans for replacing face to face parent and carer meetings for November.

Please remember that, if your own circumstances have changed during the pandemic, you may now be eligible for Free School Meals. **If you think your child may now be entitled**, please check through the criteria that can be found at the back of this newsletter and contact the school office between 8:30am and 3:30pm and we will take the details from you that we need to run a check.



Please remember that the deadline to order photographs this year is **Monday 26th October** and orders must be placed online—details of how to do this is included in the pack that has come home.

It seems far too early in the year to be talking about our Year 6 children moving to Year 7, but please remember that, if you have a child in Year 6, **the deadline for secondary school applications is Saturday 31st October**.

Stay safe ☺

Mrs J Hill

Parent App

Now we are all fully back in the swing of things, **newsletters after half term will be sent out via the school app for those parents who have installed it**. Please check that you have your app



notifications set on so that you don't miss one! We have sent reminder invitations out to parents who have not subscribed this week—if you are having difficulty signing up, please let us know! We will send links out to all newsletters on the school website for parents who do not use the app.

Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded Microsoft Teams. This is the system we will be using for the foreseeable future to provide (and receive) homework and will be used to provide home-learning in the event of a class or school closure due to COVID. We have had a fantastic uptake so far and approximately 90% of Gayton pupils are using teams to access and return their weekly homework.



Microsoft Teams

If your child is off school for non-COVID related reasons (for example a sickness bug or cold) or are **waiting for a test result** (or someone else in the house is waiting for a test result) please encourage your child to read, visit Mathletics and Reading Eggs and research the topic they are studying at school.

If your child is off school as the result of a **positive test result** (either their own, a member of their household or via track and trace), the school will provide lessons and activities, via Teams, which will mirror the work being taught to the rest of the class in school and should be submitted for feedback.

In the event that a class or the whole school is closed due to COVID, lessons and activities will be uploaded daily to Teams for the duration of the closure.

If you are still having issues accessing Teams or your child has forgotten their password, please contact the school office or email Mr O'Donnell directly at dodonnell@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk

For more information, please visit the COVID Information section of our website to read our Remote Learning Policy.

Parents' Evening



As a face-to-face Parents' Evening isn't possible at this current time, we have decided this year to write a short report to each parent about how your child has started the year.

The Autumn Parents' Evening is historically an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class and for their teacher to discuss their first impressions and projections for the year. The report from your child's teacher should communicate this information to you and inform you of how your child has started the year. These will be sent home on Monday 9th November with a letter detailing how you can have a further discussion with your child's teacher if needed.

Dinner Money

Please make sure you are starting the next half term without any dinner money debt. The office staff are still having to send out weekly reminders about debt—meals should be paid for in advance please. Sandwich bags can be ordered daily and cost £2.20 per day and each year group can order a hot dinner once a week AND every Friday is sandwich and chips!



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>



Please note: you need to opt in or out of this on behalf of your child—the school office are unable to do this for you.

KEY DATES 2020-21

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 9th— Friday 13th November	All Week	Book Week
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

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



Be the best you can be!

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How do I find out?

If you are a parent or carer and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



What to do next?

We would encourage parents to check whether they are eligible, **even if they think they may not be; or if they have applied before and been refused.** It's a quick and easy process to apply. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, you can:

- ♦ Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>
- ♦ Ask at the school office for details

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Gayton Junior School will also receive Pupil Premium funding from the government to use to support your child in school.



Be the best you can be!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FORM

Please read carefully. Applicants must complete all sections.

SECTION A: PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please complete in block capitals)

SURNAME_____ FIRSTNAME_____ MR/MRS/MISS/MS_____

NATIONAL INSURANCE NO._____ DATE OF BIRTH_____

ADDRESS_____

POSTCODE_____ TELEPHONE NO._____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN) E.G. PARENT/GUARDIAN_____

SECTION B:

Please give details of your child(ren).

Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	Name of school

Signed_____ Date_____



If you are a parent or carer for a child aged between 0-19 and want advice or have any worries **you can text the Parents and Carers ChatHealth Service on:**

07507 327754

We can help with all kinds of things like:



Bedwetting/soiling/toileting



Concerns about hearing or vision



Feeding problems



Weaning



Emotional wellbeing



Behaviour



Speech concerns

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Parents with children up to the age of 19 can contact us and we will ensure the relevant practitioner will respond. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some "number masking" mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Text our confidential line **07507 327754** for advice and support