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Newsletter 9

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Here we are in week 9 of our current way of working. From my own days at home, I know that some days may seem easier than others but please take the time to remember how well you are all managing to spin so many plates at once.

It is lovely to hear about all of the lovely activities that the children are involved in each week and I am delighted that everybody seems to be taking a realistic approach towards the work being set. We've spoken to some parents about their concerns around how tricky it can be to get the children to engage in their learning sometimes: please do not worry if you're not getting everything completed. This is one of the reasons why we have chosen to set weekly tasks, rather than daily ones. Remember that the key is to keep the children's skills for learning alive so you can always visit the school website where there are some great alternative activities to try out—we love to see your pictures of you all having a go at these!

Please remember that, if your own circumstances have changed since schools closed, you may now be eligible for Free School Meals and be able to obtain weekly food vouchers from the government whilst school remains closed. **If you think your child may now be entitled to Free School Meals**, please check through the criteria that can be found on the next page 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.

Mrs J Hill

Key Worker Provision—IMPORTANT

We have been contacted a lot over the last ten days by parents who are returning to work. Please remember that children of key workers remain our priority for in-school provision. **If you are a key worker and you are returning to work, please let us know by Friday 29th May so that we can ensure we have enough staff in school to support these groups.** You can use the Key Worker form in the Consent Form section of the app or email head@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk to apply for a place. Please don't be offended, but we will be asking you to provide us with proof of your profession! This may take the form of a pay slip, contract or place of work ID badge which **MUST** show your name and employment on the same piece of evidence provided.

You do not need to send your child to school every day if you do not need to. Each week we send out a form for you to select the provision you require the following week to allow us to support shift workers in the best way possible. Children must be booked into Key Worker groups in advance to ensure we have enough staff on site to reduce the risk of transmission.

Thank you



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?



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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_____