

10TH FEBRUARY 2023

Well, that was a much busier week than we were all expecting! The Inspector asked me to pass on my thanks to staff, parents, children and governors for their input into the inspection this week! Thank you for all of your kind words of support on Tuesday and Wednesday: the Inspector was able to share your positive feedback from the questionnaires and informal discussions she had outside with some parents with us and that was much appreciated.

Your children have done us—and you—amazingly proud this week. We tell anyone who will stand still for long enough how they are the best way to judge how good Gayton is and they have been fantastic this week, really impressing the Inspector with their impeccable manners, their thoughtfulness and their eagerness to answer her questions. The children and staff have been fabulous and reminded me how lucky I am to work in such a wonderfully supportive school and I am sure this will be reflected in the report.

The report will be out at some point after half term and we will be able to share it with you before it is released into the public domain.

Unfortunately, it would appear that Strep A is doing the rounds again. I've popped the Local Authority guidance for parents into the Useful Links section of Parent App if you need a reminder of the symptoms to look out for and it's also on the last two pages of this newsletter. Please remember to let us know if your child has a confirmed case, as we have to report cases to the local public health team. Absences can be reported by phone (01332 760372 from 8am onwards), by email (absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk) or using the form on Parent App. Thank you.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 6th February 2023—Average attendance 94.7%

Attendance has improved again slightly this week. We continue to aim for an overall attendance of 96% for the academic year. **Please remember that I am still unable to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.**

Class 1	83.9%
Class 2	92.3%
Class 3	92.7%
Class 4	96.1%
Class 5	91.0%
Class 6	99.0%

Class 7	99.3%
Class 8	96.7%
Class 9	92.3%
Class 10	97.3%
Class 11	97.7%
Class 12	97.7%



Best wishes
Mrs J Hill

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our Week 1 Dinner Menu. Dinners are £2.20 per day and children can switch between dinners and sandwiches from home daily if they wish.

<https://gaytonj.derby.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/September-2022-Menu-Gayton.pdf>

Book Week

Remember that Book week starts on Monday 27th February! Children will be able to visit the Book Fair during school time on the following days:

Tuesday 28th February - Year 3

Wednesday 1st March - Year 4 (subject to change, if needed, due to strikes)

Thursday 2nd March - Year 5

Friday 3rd March - Year 6

The children will spend the week exploring a specific story and carrying out exciting activities to give them a deeper understanding of the book, as well as fun-filled and enriching experiences throughout the week.

In celebration of World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday 2nd March**. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative costumes! Please don't feel any pressure to buy a costume just for one day: get creative – animals and pirates are very easy characters to create with bits you might already have at home!



Parents Evening

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Your child should have brought home a letter about Parents' Evening on Wednesday. Meetings can be booked in with their class teacher on either Tuesday 28th February or Thursday 2nd March. **Please return your slips to school by MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY** so we can get confirmation slips home to you before we break up for half term. We will send reminders out after the holidays!

PE Kit

We are still reminding the children of our expectation that they should be in 'school uniform' on PE days. *Thank you to parents who have supported with this so far*, but there are still some children who are not wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days, so once again, a reminder that PE days are not "wear what you want to school" days!



We shared our PE kit guidance with you before the summer and in previous newsletters, it can be found online on the school website if you are unsure or need to refer to it to win an argument in the mornings! **Children should look like they are in school uniform please:**

Navy or black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts

Plain trainers

White polo shirt

Navy cardigan or sweatshirt, with or without school logo (NO HOODIES OR TRACKSUIT TOPS PLEASE)

Breakfast

Numbers have risen this week and we were pleased to be able to provide breakfast to 60 children over the course of the week of breakfast provision **for those who need it**. This week we have reached £1000 in our fund-raising to continue this provision—thank you for your support!

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KEY DATES 2022-23

Monday 6th—Friday 12th February	All Week	Children's Mental Health Week 2023
Friday 10th February	All Day	Final Y6 PGL Payment—£40
Tuesday 14th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 15th February	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Lea Green—See Letter
Friday 17th February	3:30pm	End of Spring Term 1
FEBRUARY HALF TERM		
Monday 27th February	8:55am	Back to School—Spring Term 2
Monday 27th February—Friday 3rd March	All Week	Book Week
Wednesday 1st March	All Day	Potential Strike Day
Thursday 2nd March	All Day	World Book Day—Fancy Dress favourite book character
Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March	3:30pm—6:30pm	Parents' Evening—NEW DATES
Thursday 9th March	All Day	Year 5 Museum of Making Trip—See Letter
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	All Day	Potential Strike Days
Friday 17th March	All Day	Red Nose Day—Details to Follow
Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Year 4 Space Centre Trip—See Letter
Wednesday 29th March	All Day	Year 6 School Nursing Team Visit—See Letter
Wednesday 29th March	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Sensory Processing & Needs
Thursday 30th March	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 31st March	All Day	INSET 5
EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 17th April	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 1
Monday 1st May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday—School Closed to Children
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th—Sunday 14th May	All Weekend	Year 6 PGL Trip
Wednesday 17th May	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Transition & Summer Support
Friday 26th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
MAY HALF TERM		
Monday 5th June	AM	Back to School—Summer Term 2
Wednesday 28th June	9:30-11:00	Inclusion Coffee Morning—Internet Safety & Mental Health
Friday 21st July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday
2023-24 INSET DAYS		
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th November 2023	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 8th January 2024	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 3rd June 2024	All Day	INSET 5

Strep A- advice for education settings

Please read all this information

Strep A is a bacteria that causes a range of infections such as sore throat, scarlet fever, and skin infections like impetigo. Strep A infections are seen every year, typically in the early spring, and the bacteria is spread through snot and spit.

Most Strep A infections are very mild and can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called *invasive* Group A Strep (iGAS). These are the cases that have been in the news recently.

This year, we are seeing an increase in scarlet fever (caused by Strep A) earlier than we might expect. Whilst still very rare, we are also seeing an increase in invasive Group A Strep cases.

There are also a number of other winter bugs circulating; so not all unwell children will be infected with Strep A. Many of these other winter bugs are caused by viruses and cannot be treated with antibiotics. Most winter bugs, with symptoms of coughs, sneezing, and sore throat, can be managed at home.

You may see some scarlet fever cases in your setting over the next few weeks. We have described the symptoms of scarlet fever and the actions you should take below.

Symptoms of scarlet fever:

- High fever (feeling hotter than usual on the back or chest, feeling sweaty)
- Difficulty swallowing
- Tender enlarged lymph nodes
- Sore neck or throat
- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Feeling tired or unwell
- Flushed red face, but pale around the mouth

Followed 12-48 hours later by:

- Pinhead-size, red, generalised rash. The rash gives the skin a sandpaper-like texture.
- Tongue rash has strawberry-like appearance.
- On darker skin the rash may be more difficult to see but will still have a sandpaper-like texture. Please see [NHS online](#) for more information.

Complications from scarlet fever are rare and the risks are reduced by antibiotic treatment. However, they can happen during or in the weeks after the infection, and can include ear infection, throat abscess, sinusitis, pneumonia, meningitis, and rheumatic fever.

When should children with symptoms of scarlet fever stop coming to school, nursery, or college?



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Children with scarlet fever can return to their education setting 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment if they are well enough. They must not come back before starting antibiotic treatment as they will be infectious for several weeks.

What should we do in the education setting if we have cases of scarlet fever?

Encourage parents to contact their GP when their child has symptoms of scarlet fever and trust their judgement if they feel their child is seriously unwell. The GP will assess the child and prescribe antibiotics if they have a bacterial infection like scarlet fever. If the child has another winter bug caused by a virus, antibiotics will not treat this.

Inform your UKHSA health protection team on 0344 2254 524 if:

1. You have one or more cases of chickenpox or flu in the class that has scarlet fever at the same time. This is because infection with scarlet fever and either chickenpox or flu at the same time can result in more serious illness.
2. You are experiencing an outbreak of scarlet fever in a setting / class that provides care or education to children who are clinically vulnerable.
3. The outbreak continues for over 2 weeks, despite taking steps to control it.
4. Any child or staff member is admitted to hospital with any Group A Strep (GAS) infection (or there is a death).
5. Any issues that are making it difficult to manage the outbreak.

Encourage children to practice good respiratory hygiene. They should cover their nose and mouth with a tissue (or sleeve) when sneezing or coughing, dispose of the tissue, and then wash their hands.

Encourage children to wash their hands. Children should use soap and water or alcohol hand gel regularly, but especially before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, and after coughing or sneezing.

Maintain a thorough cleaning regime, especially in kitchens, bathrooms, and areas where there are groups of children with symptoms. Objects such as light switches and handrails that are touched frequently throughout the day should be cleaned more regularly. Settings should review cleaning regimes for soft furnishings like cushions and soft toys, and ensure these items are cleaned regularly.

Equipment such as dishwashers and washing machines should be appropriately maintained to ensure they remain operational.

Discourage children from sharing cutlery, towels, clothes, bedding, or baths.

Ensure there is good ventilation throughout your setting. Consider opening windows, trickle vents and grilles, whilst balancing the need for a comfortable indoor temperature.

These actions are important for preventing lots of different infections, please also encourage parents/carers to get their child vaccinated against flu infection. All 2- and 3-year-olds, primary aged



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children, and children in Y7, Y8 and Y9 are eligible for a free flu vaccine. More information about the children's free flu vaccine can be found [here](#), information about the adult's free flu vaccine can be found [here](#).

Please share this resource with your staff

Please share the accompanying resource 'Strep A- advice for parents/carers' with parents/carers

If you have questions or concerns about this information, or the information shared with parents, please get in touch at cct@derby.gov.uk. If you have concerns about the accessibility of information shared with parents, such as the format or language used, please let us know.

Teaching resources:

Early years - [hand and respiratory hygiene](#)

KS1 - [hand and respiratory hygiene](#)

KS2 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)

KS3 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)

KS4 - [hand and respiratory hygiene and vaccinations](#)



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