

Thursday 20th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Road closure

The High Street in front of the school, one side of the road will be closed and so it will be a one-way system on **Thursday 20th January and Friday 21st January**. Please travel to school safely.

Breakfast Club

We are hoping to reinstate our breakfast club to support families.

The first phase will hopefully be opening a club from 8.15am where children will have the option of toast or cereal. We are proposing a cost of £1 for this service.

We need to know if it is something that families still want so would you please complete this quick survey to help us make a decision-

<https://forms.office.com/r/ka3bUKq73N>

Covid – new update

From 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

A full copy of the risk assessment is available on the school website.

[Essential Information - Gawthorpe Academy \(ipmat.co.uk\)](#)

Please could we ask that all parents are vigilant and that if there is any doubt with your child's symptoms please ensure a lateral flow test is completed. All results, both positive and negative must be emailed to gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Governors

4 candidates, Deborah Iggleden, Russel Dougherty, Sarah Samples and Yasmin Azad. A Microsoft form was sent to all parents to vote. All parents of pupils at the school have a vote. All voting to be completed by **Thursday 20th February**.

Gym Equipment

On Thursday, we had the grand opening of our gym. A big thank you to Ossett United player Ross Hardaker and referee Bobby Madley for taking time out of their schedules to officially open the gym with our school council. This was in the presence of the children staff and our governors.

The children will have access the gym during the school day with adult supervision. We intend to have after school sessions next half term... ready for the coal race 🏊!

FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY, PLEASE ENSURE THE CHILDREN DO NOT GO ON THE GYM EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL. THANK YOU



Job vacancies

At Gawthorpe Community Academy we have the following vacancies for staff:
Lunchtime Supervisors. Please see our website for further information.

Music lessons

Spring Term, music lessons have now begun. For those parents who have not yet paid, please make payment of £69.00 for the Spring Term.

We currently have 2 spaces available for piano. If you are interested, please contact school office for a Wakefield Music form.

Phonics

As you are aware we have taught phonics in school using the Floppy's Phonics programme, however over the past few months we have been preparing as a school for the move to the Read Write Inc phonics programme. Read Write Inc is a DfE-validated systematic synthetic phonics programme with a whole school approach to teaching early reading and writing. More information has been attached in the two handbooks and our school website will be updated.

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2017/09/20/10/19/37/449/rwi_RPhO_PIB1.pdf

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2017/09/20/10/26/27/731/rwi_RphO_PIB2.pdf

Remote Learning

Please see attached information sheet re Remote Learning.

Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

Mrs K. Stubbs
Deputy CEO & Interim Headteacher

Miss D. Sidebottom
Assistant Headteacher

REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

Updated January 2022



Introduction

We recognise that now that the guidance has changed for positive cases of COVID there may be some children who are isolating who are well enough to complete work but unable to come to school.

We are not imposing a remote learning expectation on every child isolating as we know from experience that symptoms vary from child to child and you, as parents, are the best people to make the decision as to whether your child is well enough to complete work.

Our commitment to you is that we will provide work for all year groups based on the National Curriculum and we will give feedback on any work completed.

This work will be uploaded onto Seesaw at the start of each week.

We are also available for a telephone conversation if you feel you need more support whilst your child is isolating at home.

Year group	Remote education provision for your child	Where to access
EYFS	Phonics Daily reading	Read Write Inc website
1	Daily reading Daily tasks- uploaded weekly	Bug Club Seesaw
2	Daily Reading Daily tasks -uploaded weekly Timestables practice	Bug Club Seesaw TTRS website
Key Stage 2 3,4,5,6	Daily Reading Daily tasks -uploaded weekly Timestables practice	Bug Club Seesaw TTRS website

Visit our remote education page on the website for more information:

<https://gawthorpe.ipmat.co.uk/remote-learning/>

Websites:

Times Tables Rock stars:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)

Bug Club:

[ActiveLearn: Login \(activelearnprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Seesaw:

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Date	Event	Year Group
Thursday 27th January	Staff training For NURSERY only	For all Nursery children only
Friday 18 th February	Break up for half term	Whole school/Nursery
Monday 28 th February	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery

Please find attached the 2022/23 School Calendar. This information is also available on our school website.

School Activities

Please find below a table with school activities for this half term, starting week commencing 10th January. Clubs will run for 5 weeks.

Day	Time	Afterschool Activity	Year Groups
Monday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Arithmetic Club	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Timestable Club	Year 4 (any Y4 child can attend)
Tuesday	3.15-4.00pm	Choir	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (5 weeks)
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Gym Club	Cost £2.50 per week. If anyone is interested please email sspark@ipmat.co.uk
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Sports Payment £1 per week x 5 weeks	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Timestable Club	Year 4 (any Y4 child can attend)
Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Sports Payment £1 per week x 5 weeks	Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday	3.15-4.15pm	Dance Payment £1 per week x 5 weeks	Year 1, 2 and 3

For safeguarding purposes if your child is unable to attend for any reason, please contact school or email sspark@ipmat.co.uk

TAKEHOME



Is it ever fair to judge others on their appearance?



In the news this week

The Chinese authorities have banned footballers from getting tattoos and instructed national team players, who already have tattoos, to remove them or cover them up to set a "good example for society". A growing number of Chinese players have tattoos, including the international defender Zhang Linpeng, who has previously been told to cover up while appearing for the national team and his club, Guangzhou FC.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of situations where there are rules about your appearance? E.g. school uniform or shoes you need to wear for sports. Share different examples and why you think the rules are in place. Do you think they are important? Discuss why or why not.
- > Do you think it's important that footballers set a good example for society?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



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2022-2023 School Calendar

September 2022						
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August 2023						
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- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- INSET Days
- Closure Day for Building Work
- Nursery Closure Dates for Home Visits