

Thursday 17th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Internet

Some of our pupils have informed us that they are accessing inappropriate materials online which is a safeguarding concern. It is very important that you have appropriate parental controls in place to ensure they are not accessing games or content that could cause them harm.

Please see the attached information for tips to help you to keep your child safe online and to help to ensure that they make the correct online choices- if anyone needs support in adding parental controls please let us know and we can help.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March**. We celebrate books all year round at Gawthorpe, but as this is a special day we want to give the children an opportunity to share their love of a book by creating a "Book in Box". This can be a scene from any story they like, using whatever materials they have to hand and usually works best inside a small box such as a shoe box or similar. There are a couple of photos attached and there are many ideas online if you need further inspiration! Children are also invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (not a film) and if they could also bring the book featuring the character they are dressed as, so that they can speak about it to their friends, that would be great. Please do not worry if they do not have the exact book, they can bring any book they would like to talk about or alternatively they can choose a book from their classroom.

Children will also be given their £1 World Book Day token which can be exchanged for a book from a special £1 selection at book shops.

We look forward to seeing their creations!



Phonics Workshops

We are inviting parents into school to attend our phonics workshop. Workshop 1 will be on Monday 7th March, 3.30pm and Workshop 2 will be Thursday 10th March, at 3.30pm. Please see your individual letter in your child's book bag for day you are invited to attend.

Staffing

On Friday 18th February, it is with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Michaela Coyle. We wish to thank her for everything she has done for all the staff, the parents and all the children. Good luck and best wishes in your new job at Towngate Academy and pop back and see us sometime!

In the interim period of a new person being appointed, Miss Croisdale will be taking over all the attendance and reporting and Mrs Spark will take over the gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk email account.

Miss Croisdale can be contacted via her **mobile 07789286870**, please leave a message detailing name of child, class and reason for absence.

All enquiries/contacting of a teacher please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk
We ask that you add the name of the child and class for the enquiry to be forwarded to the correct class teacher/member of staff as soon as possible.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will start on Monday 28th February, 8.15-8.45am. If you are interested please contact sspark@ipmat.co.uk for details.

Job vacancies

Please see our website for further information.

Lunchtime Supervisors

Attendance and Administration Officer

Mrs K. Stubbs
Deputy CEO & Interim Headteacher

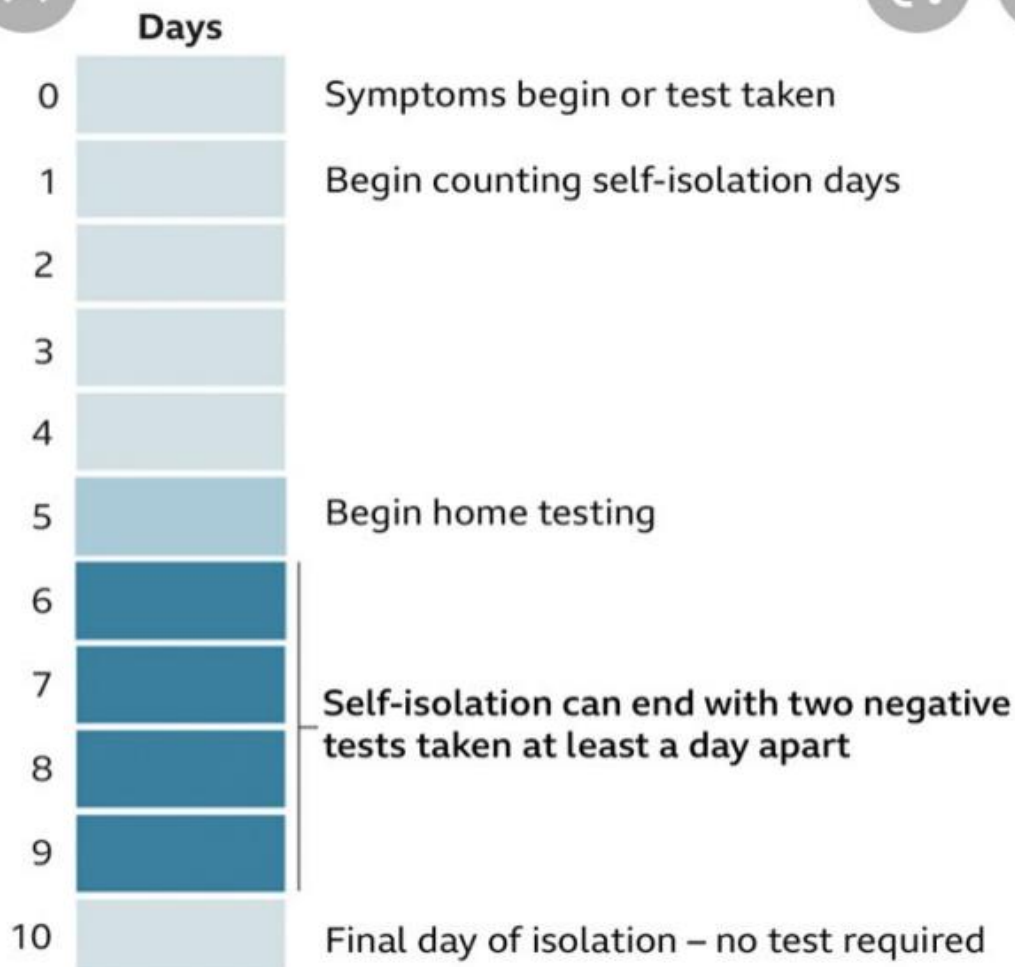
Miss D. Sidebottom
Assistant Headteacher

Covid

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.

Please be aware that when following the schools safeguarding procedures, if your child is absent from school, a home visit may be made.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Upcoming Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
Friday 18 th February	Break up for half term	Whole school/Nursery
Monday 28 th February	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day	Theme day - whole school/Nursery
Monday 7 th March	Phonic Workshop 1	Parent have been sent individual letters
Thursday 10 th March	Phonic Workshop 2	Parent have been sent individual letters

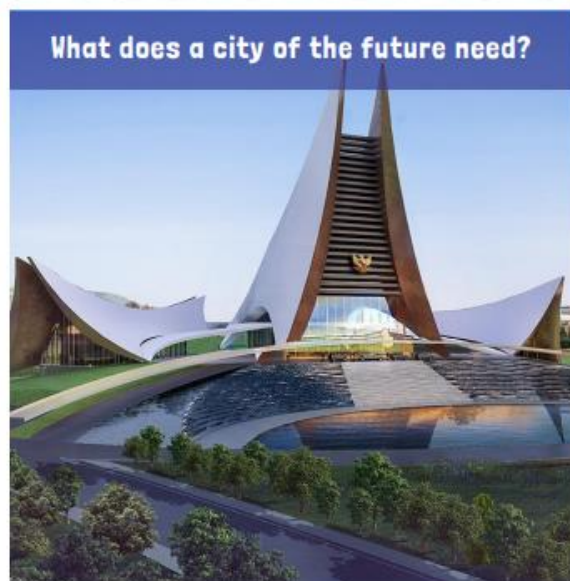
School Activities

Please find below a table with school activities for next half term, starting week commencing Monday 28th February for 5 weeks. Emails have been sent and confirmation will be sent by Friday.

Day	Time	Afterschool Activity	Year Groups
Monday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Arithmetic Club	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday	3.15-4.00pm	Choir (Miss Cranton)	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (5 weeks)
Tuesday	3.15-4.00pm	KS2 Gym circuit/fitness (Miss Sidebottom)	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (5 weeks)
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Gym Club (6 weeks)	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
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Maypole Dancing	Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Timestable Club (ONLY THURSDAYS)	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
Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	History Club (Miss Darby)	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (5 weeks)
Friday	3.15-4.15pm	Dance Payment £1 per week x 5 weeks	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

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.



In the news this week

Indonesia is planning to move its capital from Jakarta to the island of Borneo. The Indonesian President, Joko Widodo, recently announced the planned name of the new capital as 'Nusantara'. The government hopes that by moving the capital, the burden on Jakarta, a city of 10 million people, will be reduced. Jakarta is highly congested, suffers regular flooding, and is one of the fastest sinking cities in the world, due to the over extraction of groundwater.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you live in a city? What is it like there? If not, where is your closest city? How often do you visit?
- > What kinds of facilities do you think cities need? E.g. parks, shops, public transport facilities.
- > If you could change one thing about the area you live in, what would it be?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Safer Internet Day – 8th February 2022

All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online



Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by...

■ Having conversations without judgement.

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they're finding being a part of it.

It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys online.

An essential part of having this open dialogue is to not judge, even if their behaviour or life online isn't what you wanted or expected. This ensures that your child feels they can come to you if ever they make a mistake or experience a problem online.

▲ Knowing where you can learn more about their favourite apps and games.

Websites like Common Sense Media or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue.

● Getting support if things go wrong.

There are lots of organisations who are there to support you and your family if something has gone wrong. The [Report Harmful Content website](#) can help you with issues such as cyberbullying, impersonation and threats. You can report worrying behaviour towards children to [CEOP](#). Find out more on [Childnet's Get Help page](#).

◆ Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.