

Gresham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Whole school attendance

96.9%

Thank you for your continuing support.

Highest attending class

Year 2 99%

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the perspective (found on our website). Please tell the school if you are still having trouble sources uniform from Hewitts.

Children should wear proper school shoes (not boots). They should wear trainers only on the days they have PE.

Work Sent Home

When your child is off from school for any reason, we will be sending some work home. Until Google Classroom is up and running, this will be sent via email. If your child is well enough to complete the tasks, we ask that you encourage them to do so. If your child is not well enough, we suggest they take the time to rest and recuperate. We understand that younger children in particular might find this challenging and are currently still partaking in 'choosing time' and small group learning, and so may receive fewer tasks or in a slightly different format.

Social Distancing and Government Advice

Thank you for following the social distancing rules and helping us all to stay safe. We would like to remind everyone that it is crucial that you drop off and collect your child on time and continue to socially distance. A local school has had a member of staff sent home after testing positive for Covid-19, and several other members of staff who had been in close contact sent home to self-isolate. As a small school, if this was to happen at Gresham, we would

find it very difficult to remain open. With this in mind, and for the safety of our pupils, staff and Gresham families, it is imperative that all members of our community continue to strictly follow all government advice. From Monday, in England, no more than 6 people can gather together.

Reminder

A reminder to all that if your child shows any symptoms association with Covid-19, they should be kept from school and the household should commence a possible 14 day isolation period. This means that any siblings living at the same address should also be kept home from school.

You should seek a test immediately and please inform the school of the result ASAP.

If the test result is *negative*, then your household can cease the isolation period and your child and any siblings can return to school if they are well.

If the test result is *positive*, then your child should continue the isolation period for a total of 10 days. Other household members should continue the isolation period for a total of 14 days.

Covid-19 symptoms:

- new, continuous cough
- high temperature (38C or more - as published on the NHS website)
- loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Attached is a helpful poster which can also be found on our website under 'Links'.

Reception Starting Full Time

Reception class will be coming to school full time on Thursday 17th September. They should be dropped off at 9:10am and be picked up at 2:45pm via the vehicle gate. They will be staying for lunch, either a school or a packed lunch (no nuts) from home. All KS1 children are entitled to a free school lunch. The class teacher will ask your child what they would like to eat, please have a look at the menu and discuss with your child what they would like.

Snack time

If you would like your child to have milk at school please log onto the Coolmilk website, it can be accessed via our school website. Children up to

the age of 5 get free milk automatically. KS1 children receive free fruit or vegetables. You may send in a snack for your child to eat but please can it only be fruit or vegetables, water or pure fruit juice.

Nasal Flu Spray

We have been advised that this year it is likely that COVID-19 will be circulating at the same time as flu. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that children receive their flu vaccine as a priority. We recently sent out a nasal flu spray form, please return this to school by Friday 18th September. The school nurses will be at Gresham on November 26th to administer the spray.

PE Days

On a PE day your child should wear their PE kit, they will stay in this all day, please do not send in extra clothes.

Reception – Tuesday pm and Friday am

Year 1 -Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4N - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4S - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday and Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday

Sickness and diarrhoea

This is reminder that if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they **must** be kept off from school for 48 hours after the **last** bout. This is to stop this spreading to other children/staff around the school.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.
Have a lovely weekend