

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**ALERT**

As of **FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** all parents/carers/childminders who enter any of the school playgrounds, we ask that you wear face masks. Please ensure this notice is passed to anyone who is dropping off or collecting your child from school. All members of staff in the playgrounds will be wearing them as well.

Please find attached NHS information. Please read the 'Get a test to check if you have Coronavirus' and 'Test and Trace'.

**Celebration and Achievements**

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday of last week. The following children received awards:

Reception – Everyone in Reception class  
Year 1 – Roxy H and Myla-Rose H  
Year 2 – Albie B and Molly R  
Year 3 – Farhan H and Amirah R  
Year 4 – Everyone in Year 4 class  
Year 5 - Olivia S and Alex L  
Year 6 – Ben M and Alexis B

If you would like to share any achievements, out of school or significant events please email school. We would welcome photographic evidence but no more than 3 photographs. The class teacher will ask the child if they want to share this information in class celebration assembly or just with the teacher. Please email to [GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk), including first name and year group on the subject line.

**Class Council**

Elections have taken place for class council representatives and, in Y6, School Captains.

School Captains – Jacob B and Emily  
Year 2 – Amelia H and Billy W  
Year 3 – Teddie W and Lily W  
Year 4 - Alfie S and Jayda H  
Year 5 – Olivia S and Daniel M  
Year 6 – Ben M and Harry E

It is important that the children have a voice and their opinions are taken into consideration. Mrs Gill will act on this, via emailing the classes.

**Drop off**

It is becoming more congested at the beginning of the school day because children are arriving early. This is not helping the school's responsibilities of keeping to social distancing where possible. Please do not bring your child to school until their start time. Please refer to timetable, this is also available on our school website.

## Parking

Once again, we have a number of parents who are parking on double yellow lines or dropping children by the gate in their cars, in doing so, endangering children's lives. Please, for the sake of all the children, do not park on double yellow lines or drop off children in the car in front of the school.

Gawthorpe Community Academy  
Drop Off and Pick up times from September 2020

Date	Drop Off Time	Group	Entrance	Zone	Pick Up Time	Pick up Zone
08.09	8.35 am	Year 6	Y6 Door		3.05 pm	Bottom Playground
08.09	8.35 am	Year 4	Y4/5 Door		3.05pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.45 am	Year 5	Y4/5 Door		3.15pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.40 am	Year 1	Y1 Door		3.10pm	Outside Band room
See Letter from Mrs Gill	8.50 am	Reception	Reception Door		3.20pm	Slope
08.09	8.45 am	Year 2	Front Door		3.15 pm	Top Car Park
08.09	8.35 am	Year 3	Front Door		3.05 pm	Top Car Park

**Please note:** For families with more than one child at the academy, please drop off at the latest time and pick up at the latest time.

## Remote Learning

We are putting in place our remote learning provision from next week.

In the event of your child missing school we will provide home learning packs for short term absence (eg whilst waiting for Covid test results).

Further remote learning will be provided through the seesaw app. New passwords and login details will be sent out next week with your child.

## Nursery

Until further notice Nursery news, information will now be posted on the school newsletter. We know that some of the things are not applicable to the Nursery parents but it is important that you know what is going on in school.

## Year 1

Our Year 1 Science topic is Seasons. If you have any autumn photos of your child outdoors, e.g. walking in the park, collecting conkers, pumpkin sculpturing, running through leaves, please email them to Mrs Dearnley, who will print them off for the class display. Email address

[LDearnley@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:LDearnley@ipmat.co.uk)

### **Names in clothing**

The children have come back to school looking extremely smart in their uniforms. Thank you for this. However, some items of uniform, jumpers have already been misplaced or the wrong ones sent home. Please make sure all clothing is labelled, this includes putting your child's name in their coat.

### **PE Kit**

We are still awaiting the PE tops and as soon as they arrive in school we will send them home. The shirt provided by school is now part of the school PE kit, however navy blue cycling shorts are acceptable if you wish to purchase them. The school rule regarding track suits has not changed. Children can continue to wear a plain navy blue track suit over their shorts. A tracksuit is not an essential piece of uniform, children can wear their school jumper when the weather is cold. Shorts are required for all indoor PE lessons.

If you would like to purchase additional PE kit then The Box in Ossett is the main supplier and also have plain blue tracksuit bottoms.

The children look really smart in their new kit. PE is high profile in our Academy and this not only reflects in our performance but also in our appearance. The baseball cap is part of school PE kit and can also be worn to and from school every day. Other acceptable head gear are hats that are plain, or with stripes or have a regular pattern. No logos or superhero characters.

### **New student forms**

Year 3 and Year 4 – forms were sent home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please return by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

It is important for all contact details to be up-to-date due to the current climate and that if there are any changes, please email school [GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk). If we do not receive a form back from yourselves we will presume there are no changes.

The forms have been enveloped 72 hours prior to us sending them out. Please ensure you return the form **in the envelope**. They will be processed after 72 hours.

Year 5 and Year 6– forms will be sent home on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### **School Meals**

If you think you are eligible and receive benefits you may meet the criteria for free school meals. Please request an 'Application for Free School Meals' from the school office. Even if your child receives universal free school meals, school receives extra funding which means your child will be entitled to selected free clubs and free milk.

### **Learning Mentors**

We know that many of you have regular contact with our Learning Mentor, Mrs Pyrah. For those of you who are new to the school or who have not yet had any contact with her. Please see below for further information.

The Academy takes all other concerns seriously. We have an open door policy, however due to the current pandemic, if you need to contact school please email [GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk). The email will be directed to the appropriate staff member.

## High Priorities on the School Development Plan

It is common practice in every school that the school development plan includes 3 high priority targets. This year's high priorities are:

- . Establishing our new team with Mrs Harris as headteacher and 4 new teaching staff, sharing our vision for Gawthorpe.
- . Develop staff subject knowledge in all curriculum areas esp PSHE/RSE statutory requirements.
- . Provide support for children using catch up funding.

## 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.

Regards

The Leadership Team



Mrs C Harris  
Head of School



Mrs P Gill  
Deputy Head of School

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Friday 18 September	Announcement of Academy Council members and Academy Captains	Classes
Tuesday 29th September	Inter Sports Day	Whole school to wear their PE kit for the day.
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability	Year 6 – Outdoor Event
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Return to school	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	



Mrs Pyrah is the Learning Mentor's in school. She is available to support parents/carers and children with any concerns they may have such as:

- . Worries about your child's behaviour and parenting difficulties
- . Any problems in school e.g. your child getting upset about coming to school, bullying etc.
- . Bereavement
- . Parental separation
- . Domestic violence

You can contact Mrs Pyrah by calling into school to see her or make an appointment, by ringing 01924 679680 or contact her on her mobile 07789286870



# Picture News

at Home

21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

What's going on this week?



A charity is seeking a review of the government guidance on care home visits. John's Campaign says many care homes in England are still refusing regular face-to-face visits, despite changes at the end of July that outlined new guidance for visitors.

*Things to talk about at home...*

Do you have any family or friends who live in a care setting?

🍎 Have you ever visited a care home or residential home? If so, what was it like?

🍎 Do you know anyone who works in a care home?

🍎 Could you find out about what life is like in a care home? Perhaps you could ask family or research online?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



# Get a test to check if you have coronavirus

**Live in the Wakefield district? You can now get a free test to check if your symptoms are signs of coronavirus.**



- A high temperature.
- **Feel hot** to touch on your chest or back.
- A **loss or change** in what you can normally **smell or taste**.



- A new **continuous cough**.  
This means **coughing** a lot for more than one hour or 3 or more coughs in a day.  
If you usually have a cough then this might be worse at this time.

**Even if you think the symptoms are mild, you should get a test as soon as possible.**

**If you or anyone you live with has any of these signs of Coronavirus then you must all stay at home.**

## If you have coronavirus symptoms, do not wait.

Tests are quick and easy to do and are one of the best ways to protect your family and your community.

Tests can be taken at one of the local drive-in test sites located around the district if you have a car.

If you cannot drive or travel for whatever reason, we can deliver a test for you to do at home.



### Book your own test online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**OR**



### If you need help to book a test

call 01924 22 44 97

For more information about self isolating when you get your result please visit.

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/)

For general information about coronavirus and how to get help go to:  
[www.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk)

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## Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Viv Bennett CBE**

Chief Nurse and Director Maternity and  
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