

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **REMINDER**

As of **FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** all parents/carers/childminders who enter any of the school playgrounds, are asked to 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. Staff in school have also been asked to wear visors in school.

### **Arrival at school**

There are still a number of children still arriving at school very early in the morning. Please check table for your child's arrival time.

### **Collection of children**

In line with our risk assessment for leaving the school premises, it states that where you have more than one child in school you should not arrive on site until the latest pick up time and collect that child first. You then go to pick up your other child/ children at their collection point. This is to ensure that children are not crossing bubbles on the school premises indoors or outdoors.

Please note with everyone now wearing masks, it is sometimes difficult to recognise those who are collecting the children. The children will stay with the teacher until they see the parent/carer.

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

There have been 2 changes to the IPMAT Risk Assessment Review Updated 28.9.20. Please read the new risk guidance assessment <https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/policies>

### **Remote Learning**

Your child has been issued with their Seesaw login details today. Children have also been given their Mathletics and Bug Club logins for home learning. Please find attached the remote learning guide for children who are absent from school awaiting test results or in the event of a whole bubble being sent home.

### **Bubbles are Nursery**

Reception and Year 1  
Year 2 and Year 3  
Year 4 and Year 5  
Year 6

### **Parking**

When dropping off and collecting your child from school please could we ask you to be vigilant of parking in the area. Once again we have a number of parents who are parking on double yellow lines and in doing so, endangering children's lives. Please, for the sake of all the children, do not park on double yellow lines.

The council have been made aware of the situation and will be monitoring the area on a regular basis. Fines will be issued for inappropriate parking.

## Celebration and Achievements

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

Reception – Toby and Zach

Year 1 – Emily B and Franklyn

Year 2 – Lucy and Alfie

Year 3 – Nathaniel and Abedah

Year 4 – Noah and Brooke

Year 5 - Lola and Jayden

Year 6 – Lacey and Aiden

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.

## 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)

## Year 6

Message from Ossett Academy.

This year, Ossett Academy's Open Evening is going virtual! It will feature a tour of the academy, a welcome speech from our principal, some student and staff soundbites, FAQs, our online prospectus and much more. This virtual experience will be live from 5pm on Tuesday 13 October on a bespoke microsite, linked from <https://ossett.accordmat.org>.... so stay tuned!! Please see below for more information.

## Y6 Bikeability

An email has been sent out to all Year 6 parents regarding Bikeability.

## P.E. Tops

P.E. tops will be sent home with your child on Monday.

## Intra Sports Day

The Intra sports was cross country themed and was the launch of our weekly cross country run. KS2 completed 1200m as quick as they could. We are going to do it each week and their best times will be submitted into a regional competition. If children want to do some practise at home then go for it.

KS1 and Reception were given a time limit to achieve as many laps as they could. They will do this weekly to try beat their personal best.

We have also received some good news that Gawthorpe Community Academy have won the Innovation Award at the Yorkshire Primary PE and Sport Premium awards for the 2019/20 year. We are now through to the regionals which take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Additional School Phone**

We would like to make you aware that you may receive calls or texts from Miss Curry or Mrs Pyrah on the following mobile number 07825912986 and 07789286870 regarding attendance or other school matters.

### **Photographs**

Unfortunately school photographs have been postponed for this term.

### **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 C Harris  
Head of School



Mrs P Gill  
Deputy Head of School



| Upcoming Diary Dates             |                        |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dates                            | Event                  | Who is it for?         |
| 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 |                        |
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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.

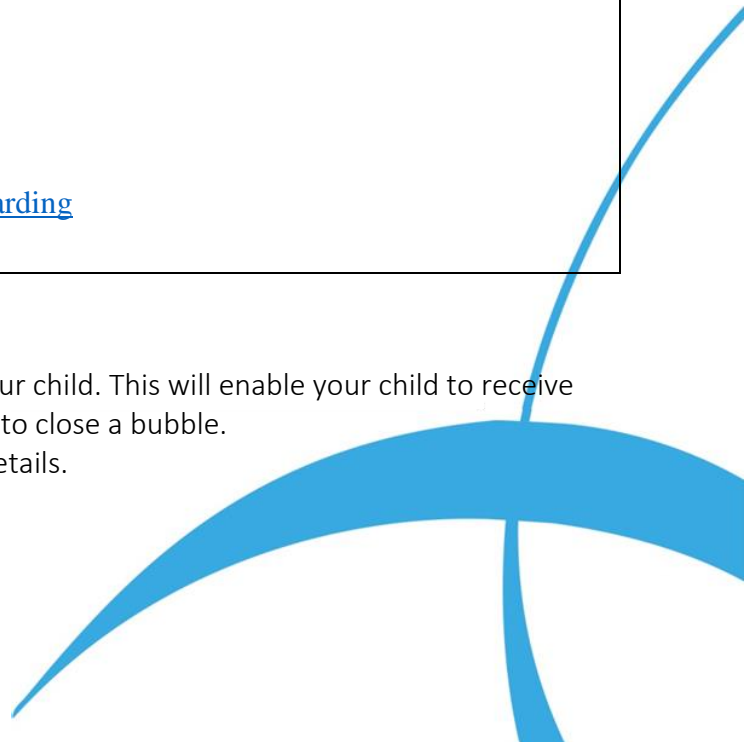


### Remote Learning – information for parents in the event of a whole class isolation

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| <p><b>How will your child access remote learning?</b></p> <p>We will set work that mirrors the school curriculum.<br/>Your child should access this through the see-saw app, each morning.</p>  | <p><b>How will your child submit work and receive feedback from their teacher?</b></p> <p>Your child should submit their work by 2pm each day. The teacher can then check the work, provide feedback using the see-saw app, and amend their planning.</p>  |
| <p><b>Appropriate clothing and environment for remote learning</b></p> <p>3 School Rules are respect, safety, learning. Clothing appropriate for school please – no pyjamas.<br/>In an appropriate room – not a bedroom or bathroom.<br/>Away from distractions (pets, TV) etc.<br/>Mute the audio when the teacher is talking please.<br/>Teaching staff will be following the Staff Code of Conduct and acceptable use of ICT policy as usual.</p>  | <p><b>Registering and attendance</b></p> <p>When the teams platform is available. Each day the teacher will arrange a teams call with the class to register attendance. The time for this will be communicated by the teacher to the class through see-saw. Until this time children will need to send a message on seesaw ‘Here’<br/>Pupils not present without an explanation will receive a phone call from the school office or learning mentor in line with usual attendance procedures.<br/>Parents should inform school if pupils are not able to attend remote learning by emailing <a href="mailto:GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk">GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk</a></p> |
| <p><b>Keeping safe online:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The school has a “Remote Learning and safeguarding” document, which sets out how we will:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Monitor attendance</li> <li>o Report concerns</li> <li>o Ensure continued safe recruitment</li> <li>o Ensure online safety</li> <li>o Support children not in school</li> <li>o Support children in school</li> <li>o Work with parents and carers</li> <li>o Manage peer on peer abuse</li> <li>o Access support from the Local Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>- You can read this on our school website:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding">https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |

**So, what should you do now to be ready:**

- 1) Use the See Saw QR code and register your child. This will enable your child to receive homework and be ready should we have to close a bubble.  
Make sure your child knows their login details.







# Picture News

at Home

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

What's going on this week?





28th September - 4th October

**Should you always report those who aren't following rules?**

It has been announced by Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that Covid marshals will be introduced in towns and city centres, in parts of the UK, to help ensure social distancing rules are followed. He believes that the public want to see 'stronger enforcement' of the rules. The government said marshals can either be volunteers or existing members of council staff from local governments.

*Things to talk about at home...*

-  Talk through some of the news rules you have encountered in school and in clubs or shops. Have there been any times where you didn't know what the rules were, or you found they had changed?
-  If you saw someone not following a new rule in school, would you tell them or tell an adult?

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



# 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)





## 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,



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