



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

September 2021

Welcome to all of our children starting the new school year and a special welcome to all our new children in the Reception class and the families new to St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School.

COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE

Thank you to all parents for your continued support during the past academic year and as we continue to move forward.

We now have updated guidance from BwD regarding the new COVID-19 procedures in place as we move into the next phase of the new 'normal'.

Children are **still required to self-isolate and book a PCR test if they display one of the COVID-19 symptoms:**

- High temperature above 37.8 degrees
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss or change to your taste and smell.

If the result comes back positive then your child must start a **10-day self-isolation** from the first day of onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic, the date of the test.

For children under the age of 18, who are **not displaying COVID-19 symptoms**, they can continue to come into school as normal unless they develop symptoms. If anybody in the household is presenting any of the three symptoms, and is waiting for their PCR test result to come back, children can still come into school.

In light of the new guidance, we will no longer be forced to close class bubbles because of a positive case in school. Instead, you will receive a letter to notify you of the positive cases which advises your child to get a PCR test. This will only be sent out if someone tests positive in your child's class.

Please continue to ensure you keep school informed if your child develops any symptoms and goes for a PCR test. Home learning packs can still be provided from school if your child is well enough to complete work whilst they are in isolation.

We appreciate all of your support during this time and should you have any questions, please contact the school office. We hope that we are now through the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic and working our way towards resuming normal school life.

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Essential Information for Parents— I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. **Please see the ‘Essential Information for Parents’ document that has been sent via email.** It is also available on the school website under ‘Parents’.

Please note—Professional coaches will, once again, be delivering P.E. of the highest standard to all children in school. It is essential that children come to school in their P.E. kits ready for their P.E. lesson on that day. A reminder of your child’s P.E. days are listed below:



- Reception—Monday and Wednesday
- Year 1—Wednesday
- Year 2—Wednesday
- Year 3—Monday
- Year 4—Wednesday
- Year 5—Friday
- Year 6—Friday



Dinner Money for one week is £11 (£2.20 per meal). You have already selected your child’s meal options for this term and these have now been set up on SchoolMoney. Payment for school lunches will continue via the SchoolMoney app. We ask that you **pay for your child’s lunches weekly every Friday** for accounting purposes. There will be opportunities for you to change your child’s menu choices **termly**. Unfortunately, due to the SchoolMoney system we are unable to make changes to lunch options during the term. If you wish to move your child from packed lunches to school dinners or vice versa we require a weeks’ notice.

Milk Money Rec, Y1 & Y2—Please can you ensure milk money is paid for your child as soon as possible via the SchoolMoney app. If your child doesn’t want to have milk then please inform the office as soon as possible.



Parking around School—Wilworth crescent has an unofficial one-way system during school hours. We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents’ driveways. Any concerns with parking can be reported to BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. We ask that parents do so independently, not through school.



Class Information for Parents—Class Information for all parents is available to view on the website for each class under 'Class Pages'. It contains information specific to each class detailing topics of work covered this term, along with details of homework and P.E. days.

Medication—If you have stated on your child's medication form that your child requires medication in school, please ensure that this is brought into the office. It is extremely important that we have your child's medication in school, no matter how mild the condition is. Please ensure all medication is named.



The Nasal Flu Vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 and Year 6 this term. Forms with information about the procedure have been sent out to these classes. **Please can all forms be returned to school as soon as possible. Please note—the nasal flu vaccine contains Porcine Gelatine, the injection does not.**

Music Lessons

Music Lessons have now started back up in school. Details of payment can be found on SchoolMoney and a letter has been sent via email. A reminder of your child's music lessons are below:

Woodwind—Tuesday

Violin—Wednesday

Brass—Friday

Choir—Choir will start back up on Thursday 30th September—more details to follow.

Orchestra—Orchestra will start again on Wednesday 6th October—more details to follow.

Ukulele Y5 & Y6—more details to follow.



A message from Mrs. Hollings...

I would like to thank Governors, parents, children, staff and friends for all the kind words, cards, flowers and gifts I received on my retirement. As I begin the next phase of my life, I take with me many treasured memories of my time at St. Gabriel's School. I would like to take this opportunity to send everyone my love and best wishes as school resumes a more 'normal' life. I will be thinking of you all as you start this new school year. Mrs. Hollings.

Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Y4 Ukulele in school—ongoing After school Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Orchestra—(starts again on Wed 6th October)— details to follow
Thursday—	Choir (starts Thursday 30th September) - details to follow.
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Afterschool Sports (Various) - 3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing



Dates for Diaries...

Tuesday 21st Sep —	Friends Meetings @ 6.45pm in school
Wednesday 29th—	Reception Parents' Meeting 3.40pm
Thursday 30th—	Choir to start 3.30—4.30 pm
Wednesday 6th —	Orchestra to start 3.30—4.30 pm
Wednesday 6th—8th	Y6 Robinwood
Wednesday 13th—	Rec—Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations—info sent out earlier this week.
Friday 22nd—	School Closes @ 3.30pm for Half Term
Sunday 31st—	Closing date for Secondary School Applications 2022.
Monday 1st Nov —	Inset Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 2nd	School re-opens

Note—Details of our Autumn Term 'Parents' Evening' will follow shortly.

