



# St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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

January 2022

Dear Parents,

This term has been a challenging one – being hit by a surge of Covid cases across school. This had a significant impact on our staffing, but I'm pleased to say that we worked hard to cover absences and keep everything going as near normal as possible! We are fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working staff. Thank you to you too for supporting your children at home with remote learning – we know it isn't easy, but it is essential and highly valued.

We're hoping the worst is over – cases of Covid have reduced enormously: currently 2 children and 2 members of staff (both aiming to return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup>).

## **Keeping Safe Week**

Next week is our annual Keeping Safe Week, which includes the national event: **Safer Internet Day, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

Each day, your child will cover a range of topics (at their age-appropriate level) which are explained in our '**Children's Pocket Book Guide to School**'. All Junior children will receive their own copy.

Keeping safe themes in the Pocket Book Guide include:

- Feeling happy and safe in school
- Friendships and our school family
- Keeping safe online
- Keeping safe outside of school

It also covers:

- Our school vision
- We are a church school
- Our school
- Our staff
- Keeping healthy and feeling happy
- Fun opportunities in school
- Rewards and responsibilities

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Please find a link to our **Children's Pocket Guide**: <http://www.stgabrielssch.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Childrens-Pocket-Book-Guide-to-School-Jan-22.pdf>

Please find links to the Safer Internet site's advice page for parents: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

You can also find additional links on our website on the Parents' page under 'Online Safety': <http://www.stgabrielssch.co.uk/parents/e-safety/>

**Dinners—**We are no longer accepting school dinner changes for this term. Please ensure school dinners are paid for every Friday via the School Money app. It is important your account is kept up to date for accounting purposes.



### **Regular Activities during and after school**

Monday—	Y1, Y2, Y3 Gymnastics Interventions (selected groups only) Y3 Ukulele in school—ongoing Ukulele Y5/Y6 alternate Mondays 3.30—4.15pm
Tuesday—	After school Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Before School Maths Club 8.00—9.00am Y1 & Y2 P.E. Orchestra—3.30—4.30pm
Thursday—	<b>Rec &amp; Y5 P.E</b> Choir—3.30—4.30pm
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Y3 & Y4 P.E. Afterschool Sports (Various) - <b>3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing</b>



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# Dates for Diaries...

Tues 8th <b>Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 10th	Y6 Swimming (5/5)
<b>Fri 11th</b>	<b>School Closes @ 3.30pm for Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 21st</b>	<b>Inset Day <u>NEW CLOSURE</u></b>
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
Thurs 24th	Y2 & Y4 Fire Service Talk Y6 Fire Service Talk Y5 Swimming (1/5)
Thurs 3rd <b>March</b>	Y5 Swimming (2/5) FGB and Admissions Meeting @ 4pm
Thurs 10th	Y5 Swimming (3/5)
Thurs 17th	Y5 Swimming (4/5)
Thurs 24th	Y5 Swimming (5/5)
Friday 25th	Fun Day after School
Tues 29th	Finance Meeting @ 4pm
Thurs 31st	NO CHOIR
<b>Fri 1st April</b>	<b>School Closes @ 3.30pm for Easter</b>

