



Gladstone Primary Academy

13th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Back to School – September

The government have decided that schools will reopen fully in September. This means **all** children **must** be back in school after the summer holiday. We have already had nearly 200 children back in school and will use this experience to bring all children back safely in September.

From September -

- Children will only mix with children from their year group.
- Children will have lessons, play times and lunch just with their year group.
- Children will eat dinners in their classroom.
- Children will wash their hands more often.
- Each year groups will have their own set of toilets.
- School will be cleaned more regularly, including during the school day.

Children will start school on different days in the first week. From Thursday 10th September all children will back in school.

Year 6 and Year 1	Monday 7 th September
Year 5 and Year 2	Tuesday 8 th September
Year 4	Wednesday 9 th September
Year 3	Thursday 10 th September

For the first week back, all children will be with their teacher from last year, but in their new year group and new classroom.

To make sure that children in different year groups do not mix and parents have enough room to socially distance, we are changing the start and finish times for different year groups. This is a **temporary change** to the school day for the autumn term.

Year 6	8:30 – 2:50
Year 5	8:40 – 3:00
Year 4	8:50 – 3:10
Year 3	9:00 – 3:20
Year 2	8:45 – 2:55
Year 1	8:35 – 2:45



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Children must **not** come into school if they are unwell. If your child has a cough, temperature or a loss of sense or smell then they will need to get a test for coronavirus. If we have a confirmed case of the virus in school, then we will take advice from Public Health England and will close the year group affected for 14 days.

Online learning will not continue in September. We will only provide learning for children at home if a year group must close.

Children will need to wear school uniform. You can buy school jumpers, cardigans, and PE shirts from school ordering through parent pay, ready for September. (Please note that collection times for school uniform is between 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday – Friday.)

Children will need to follow our usual school rules and our four new COVID rules –

- **Stay** apart (hugs are for at home)
- **Always** wash your hands (on entering a room)
- **Felling** unwell? Stay at home
- **Every** cough and sneeze must be caught by a tissue or your elbow

We will continue to offer a full curriculum with all subjects, even those subjects including music, art, PE and Spanish where they are taught by specialist teachers.

There will be a great deal of planning to do over the summer and more detailed information will be available at the end of the summer holidays. We will ring every family to confirm the details in the week commencing 31 August. We will update information on our website and send information by email.

We look forward to seeing all children back in school in September.

With best wishes from all at Gladstone,

Mr Simon Martin, Headteacher