

An update from Gladstone Primary Academy

Hello Everyone,

We have missed seeing all the children over the last two weeks and we hope everyone in the wider Gladstone Family is well. Things feels very different at the moment, but remember by staying home you are helping everyone stay safe and helping the NHS.



Simon Martin, Headteacher



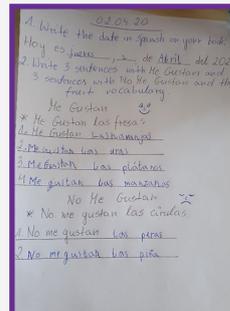
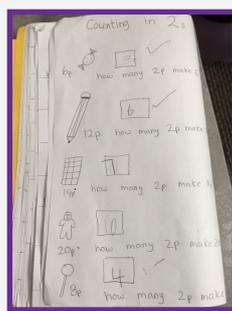
We loved seeing all of your rainbow pictures with the message 'stay safe' and 'we will get through this'. I particularly liked this one with the school in the background.

The academy has been open for a very limited number of children, so parents with critical jobs can continue to work. The maximum number of children we have had in school has been seven, across preschool, KS1 and KS2. I have to thank the GPA staff who have come in to look after the children each day.

Over the Easter Break the school will be closed. However, we are still here if you need support. The academy's email will be monitored every day and we will respond if you send us a message on : office@gpa.education

The academy's phone line, 01733 343908, will still be monitored over the Easter break. Please leave a message, with your contact details and we will get back to you. Please use this number if you are critical worker and you need to access childcare over the Easter holidays.

We have been really impressed with the work that children have been doing at home and sending to their teachers on email. Here are some examples. New work for each school day will be on our website, in the Learning at Home section for each year group. Over Easter we will be setting some projects children can work on over the 'holiday'.



Times like this can make anyone feel anxious, especially children, so it's normal for our pupils to have some concerns. Here are some things to do if your child is feeling worried:



Don't bottle up worries. Encourage children to talk to you about how they feel



Find different ways to keep in touch with friends and wider family, such as video calling



Get your information from trusted sources



Encourage them not to worry about what they can't control, but do what they can control, for example washing your hands regularly



Do things that you both enjoy and keep yourself busy



Establish a routine – there are some great resources on the Reception Learning at home pages that might help with setting up a routine



Children can get advice and support from Childline on 08001111 or via the Childline website - www.childline.org.uk

We can't wait to see everyone back at school and I think we will have a big party to celebrate when we are all together again. In the meantime, stay safe, stay home and stay well.

Best wishes from me and the whole Gladstone team,

Mr Martin



Key Dates for 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd September 2019
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Term Starts for Pupils	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Half Term	Monday 21 st October to Friday 25 th October 2019
Term Ends for Staff and Pupils	Thursday 19 th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	
TDET Trust Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2020
Term Starts for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2020
Term Ends for Pupils	Wednesday 3 rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	
Term Starts for Pupils— <i>learning at home</i>	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2020
Term Ends for Pupils	Friday 17 th July 2020
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 th July 2020
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 21 st July 2020

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