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Proposed Expansion

Dear Parents

We were delighted to share our consultation on the proposed expansion and refurbishment of GPFS with you earlier this week. We are so excited about the opportunities this will provide for our children in terms of space and facilities for learning.

If you have any questions you can catch me on the gate and you can complete a questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/TPy6U9BdBb>

A few frequently asked questions we've had so far...

Will the school take in 60 pupils in each year group straight away?

No – we plan to first admit 15 extra pupils in Reception and this cohort of 60 will then move through school. We then plan to admit 15 additional pupils in each following Reception year group. It would take 5 years before we were a 2 form entry school from Reception to Year 4.

Will there be lots of extra classes and teachers?

No, we plan to only have one extra Key Stage One class with one extra teacher in the second year of expansion and then eventually one extra Key Stage Two class with one extra teacher.

When will your reception intake be increased to 60?

The published admission number (PAN) for the school wouldn't increase to 60 until September 2023 as we need to complete the statutory School Organisation process for enlargement of the school premises prior to this being implemented.

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However, the governing body can agree to admit over the PAN to 60 places in total in September 2022 if the places are needed to meet local need and not adversely affect other neighbouring Gosforth schools. The closing date for on-time reception applications for September 2022 was only last week, so this will be confirmed once the Local Authority has all the relevant information, including the applications from neighbouring local authorities, and has analysed it. This will happen prior to primary National Offer Day on 15 April and we will provide an update once this is confirmed.

Covid-19 Update

Today I spoke with Public Health regarding the increase in cases affecting both pupils and staff in school this week. PHE have asked us to continue with our current measures in school and to remind parents of the following

- **Remember to book a PCR test if you or your child are experiencing any symptoms, no matter how mild, including any respiratory symptoms such as the onset of a cold or any severe or prolonged headaches.**

We also know that many of our children who have returned positive results have had an upset tummy.

- **Lateral Flow Tests are for asymptomatic testing only. They should not be relied upon if your child is displaying any symptoms, no matter how mild.**
- **Children and staff can only return on day 6 if they have returned a negative LFT on day 5 and 6 and do not have a temperature**

Please see our current measures and a handy flow chart at the end of the newsletter.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Number Day 2022

Friday 4th February

We will soon be celebrating NSPCC number day in school. We love having fun with Maths at Gosforth Park, and we're especially looking forward to making this year's Maths day a very active one!

You may have noticed that this year there are some special dates on our calendars. There will be 2.2.22, and then in half-term there is 22.2.22! We would like to challenge our children to choose a physical activity like jumping jacks, throwing and catching, skipping, hopping, or even juggling - that they think they can perform 22 times without stopping! Your child will take part in this challenge during Number Day.

We will also be taking part in lots of fun maths activities in class and around school too.

We are asking for a donation of a minimum £2 on ParentPay, which will all go to the NSPCC. Children can come to school in number-themed non-school uniform on that day.

Miss Gasper

Look at our fantastic work!

Violet Class have loved reading *The Whale Who Wanted More* this week and have been inspired to write their own rhyming poetry and whale artwork. Well done to Immie, Zoe, Vesper and Joel for their particularly impressive efforts!



Thank you!



Thank you so much to our very kind benefactor (who wishes to remain anonymous) for your very generous donation of lots of new books for our library - the children are loving them! Thank you so very much - so many wonderful titles for us to read and enjoy!

We are also always happy to take donations of preloved and pre-read children's books in good condition.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Lambert

Teacher Training Day

Please note that we have a teacher training day on **Friday 28th January**.

There will be no school or Rainbow Wraparound provision on this day.



Healthy School

Look out for a yellow leaflet promoting the NHS food scanner app. Easy to download and use, the app allows you to scan products to find out what's in them and how healthy they are. You can choose to see suggested healthy swaps for the item you scanned and it enables you to make informed choices about the food you buy. Easy enough for your child to use too, fun AR technology brings the food labels to life where they can swipe through the levels of sugar, fat and salt, selecting the, "See it to believe it" icon to view different characters. A useful tool if they sometimes try to use pester power to place an unhealthy and often expensive item into your shopping trolley too!

Mrs Wells

Fundraising!



After learning about Greenpeace in school, Aerin wanted to do something to raise money for them. She earned £4.50 doing chores and then an amazing £72.30 with the cake sale in the pictures above. Some of her classmates came to buy a cake too! We've given half the money to a food bank and half to Greenpeace. Well done Aerin and Rachel!



Fantastic work Orange class, you are our 'Mathletes of the Week'

Well done to Sahib D, Matthew C and Immie G for all working super hard on Mathletics this week.



This week I looked the number of coins earned on Times Table Rockstars for each class. Our highest earners are:

- Blue class – Leo T
- Indigo class – Muhammad H
- Violet class – Hania P
- Yellow class – Alexander T
- Orange class – Alexander G
- Green class – Evie T



Our class with the highest engagement this week is Reception DM and our Reading Buddies are both from this class - Darcy C and Matthew C. Very well done - lots of you are flying through the books and making super progress with the quizzes!

Mrs Lambert

Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this academic year is 94.8%.

Our Class of the week is **Yellow Class** with 97.8% attendance. Well done!

Covid-19 Update

We are continuing with our current Covid-19 protective measures which have been reviewed in consultation with Newcastle Public Health.

Although we know that with the new variant, symptoms are much milder, we have had an increase in cases this week and are keeping the following restrictions in place to limit transmission and disruption to learning in school.

- Staff will be wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas, including on the doors when greeting children in the morning
- We will be limiting the mixing of children within school and therefore;
 - ✓ Children will be separated into 'bubbles' on the playground
 - ✓ Non-essential lunchtime and after school clubs will be paused
 - ✓ Children will remain with their own classes for lessons and assemblies
 - ✓ Assemblies will be virtual
 - ✓ Children attending Rainbow Wraparound will be separated into 'bubbles' and spaced out in a large, well-ventilated area
 - ✓ Children in KS1 and KS2 will be seated in forward facing rows
 - ✓ Additional hand sanitising / hand washing for children throughout the school day

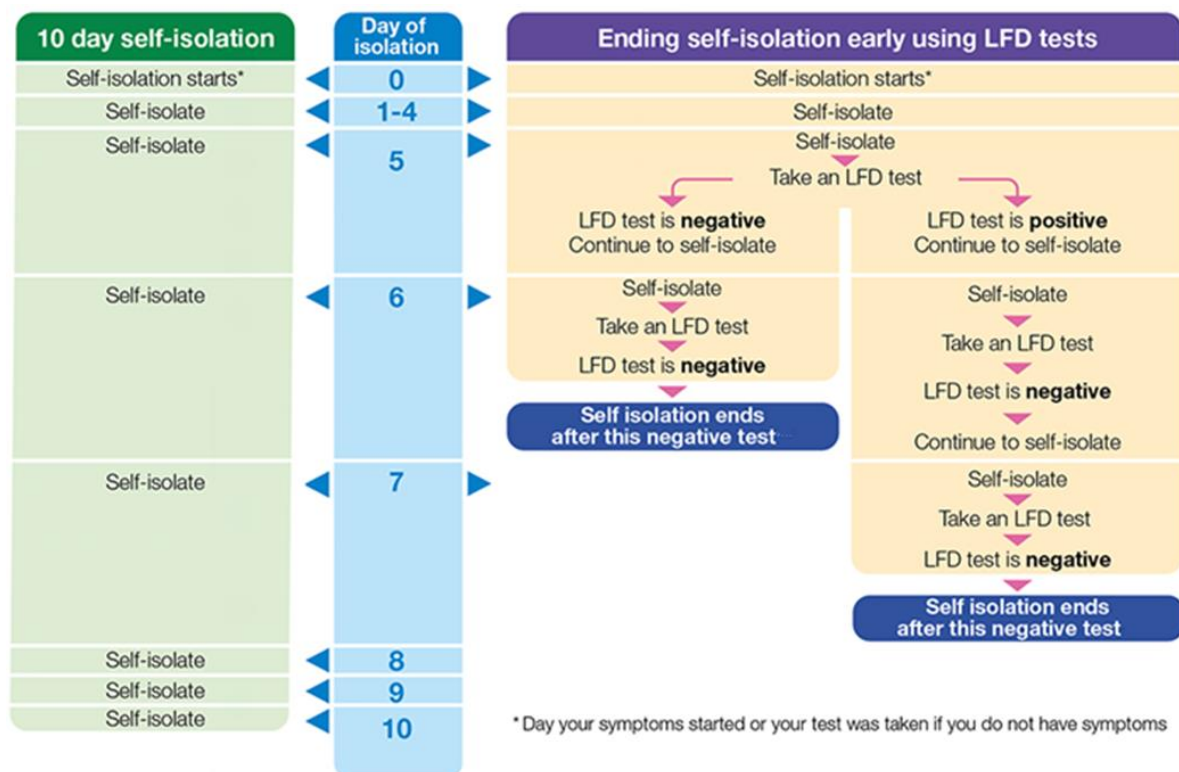
If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and **they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

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| Wednesday 26th January | KS1 Vivian French virtual author visit - "Talking and Writing inspiration" |
| Friday 28th January | Training Day School and Wraparound Closed |
| Tuesday 1 st February | Chinese New Year |
| Friday 4th February | NSPCC Number Day |
| Monday 7th February | Visitor in school Online Safety sessions for all classes |
| Tuesday 8th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Tuesday 15 th February | Violet Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting |
| Wednesday 16 th February | Blue Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting |
| Thursday 17 th February | Indigo Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting |
| Friday 18th February | School Closes for Half Term Holiday |
| Monday 28th February | School re-opens |
| Thursday 3rd March | World Book Day – Best Bedtime Books – wear your PJs and bring a book! |
| Thursday 3rd March | Simon Bartram author visit all year groups |
| Tuesday 8th March | KS2 trip to Vindolanda |
| Tuesday 8th March | International Womens' Day |
| Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March | STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) |
| Friday 18 th March | Red Nose Day/Sports Relief – come in sports kit e.g. football, rugby, judo or your PE kits for sports activities. |
| Week beginning 21st March | The Big Pedal – cycle or scoot to school as much as you can this week! |
| Monday 21st March | World Poetry Day |
| Monday 21st March | KS2 Vivian French author visit "Talking Poetry" |
| Tuesday 22nd March | KS2 trip to Washington Wetlands |
| Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th March | Year 4 to Robinwood Residential |
| Friday 8th April | Break up for Easter Holiday |
| Tuesday 10 th May | KS1 trip to Washington Wetlands |
| Monday 23 rd May – Friday 10 th June | Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon |