



Grampian Way, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9LU Phone & Fax: 01332 765546

e-mail: admin@grampian.derby.sch.uk

Website: www.grampianprimary.sch.uk

Facebook: Grampian Primary Academy

Twitter: @GrampianPrimary

Headteacher: Mrs. M. Murfin



Tuesday 29th September

Newsletter



Distance Learning



Universal Infant Free School Meals

Some of our new families may not be aware that all children in Reception (Wrens with Mrs. Wilson), Year 1 (with Mrs. Brooks and Miss. Hogan) and Year 2 (with Miss. Gerver) are all entitled to receive free school meals, regardless of their parent or carers circumstances. The government provide funding so that all infant children can have a school meal provided by school. In order for your child to receive a school meal, parents and carers must pre-order their child's meal via School Money.

Chef and the kitchen team offer a superb menu with four different options each day including a meat, vegetarian, jacket potato, pasta or sandwich option. The school menu can be found on the school website so that parents and children are able to select a meal that their child likes and meets any dietary requirements.



Since September, school attendance has been compulsory for all children and we have been really pleased with everyone's commitment to get back into the classroom. Excellent school attendance will always be essential to every child's future success. Although we know this year will be different, as a school we remain committed to securing the best possible outcomes for all our children. We know that throughout this year there will be times when the children will need to be absent from school in order to follow the Public Health guidance. It is important that we all play our part in preventing the spread of the virus and help to keep others safe. Therefore, there will be times when families need to self-isolate or there may be a time when we have to close a bubble in school.

We know that many parents and carers are worried about the children missing school, particularly as last year was so disrupted. We have been planning how we can minimise any further disruption and just because the children cannot physically be in the school building, it doesn't mean that they need to stop learning. Unless the children are themselves unwell, they are expected to continue learning at home.

Last week, we wrote to parents outlining how remote learning would work within GPA's virtual classroom. We will continue to use Seesaw and Microsoft Teams to ensure that the children's education is not disrupted any further. In school, we have revisited these virtual platforms with the children so they are confident in how to access them. The children's Home Learning Book has all the children's usernames and passwords in—it is vitally important that this is kept safe and is readily available should the children be absent from school. Our Virtual Learning Plan can now be found on the school website along with the introductory letter sent out last week.

Important Reminders:



On your child's PE day, they should arrive at school wearing their school PE kit. This should be a white t-shirt and black bottoms. If the children attend an after school club that is sport based, they also need to wear their PE kit on that day. The children are unable to change in school during this time. Children with pierced ears should remove their earrings before school on these days.

PE Days:

Monday—Year 4; Wednesday -Year 5; Thursday—Year 3 & 6; Friday— Year 1 & 2



Individual Photographs

Parents and carers please note that due to the limited space available in school, we have had to rearrange the school photographer until later in the school year. When the nicer weather returns, we will have greater flexibility in order to get the photographs taken.



We continue to promote good handwashing routines in school. As a minimum, the children wash their hands before playtime and before and after their lunch each day.

In addition to regular handwashing, we continue to use hand sanitiser to kill the virus. In order to keep school a safe place for everyone, all schools must follow the strict Public Health guidance. We have ensured an alcohol-based sanitiser is available in all classrooms and at the entry points to the school site. Each day the children sanitise their hands on entry to the school and they also use hand sanitiser when using shared resources e.g. laptops, Ipads, PE equipment. The use of hand sanitiser means we are able to continue to use the same equipment and resources to support the children in their learning. The children may also use hand sanitiser when handwashing isn't readily available.

We recognise that parents and carers may want the children to have access to hand sanitiser for the journey to and from school. Wherever possible, this personal sanitiser should be taken home by parents and carers after drop-off. When the children are in school, they will be asked to use the sanitiser provided by school. We are actively trying to limit the items brought into school from home so all personal items will be kept in the children's book bags for the duration of the school day.

