



# Gaddesby Primary School



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## Parent information letter

Dear Parents,

We are writing to you today to inform you about school reports, transition arrangements and school re-opening in August. Firstly, thank you all so very much for your continued support during these very challenging times. We have sincerely missed those children that haven't been in school and can't wait to have them back with us.

### Return to school in August

You will have received a letter from our Multi Academy Trust informing you of our plans for the school return in August. I am delighted that we are planning for a full return on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

School may well be operating slightly differently on our return but in no way will this impact upon the quality of provision for our children. We will ensure that our school operates as 'normally' as possible. As we are planning for children to return in full classes you will be aware that social distancing may not always be practicable, however other hygiene measures will be used.

Myself and the team at Gaddesby are currently – and will continue to be – working hard to prepare a 'catch up' curriculum for our pupils return in August. We are confident that we can address any gaps in learning that may have arisen during our closure, when we return in the Autumn Term. Once we have further details on any government funding that will be made available for pupils catch up, we will plan this expenditure to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

One change that will take place in the Autumn term is to our pick up and drop off times. We have decided to make this change to ensure there are fewer people picking up and dropping off at any one time. This will clearly positively impact upon the traffic at pick up and drop off time but will also reduce the amount of contact between parents. Our new timings are set out below. Initially kiss and drop will continue as normal between 8:40 and 8:50 but we will review this.

	Drop off	Pick up
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2	8:30am-8:50am	3:00pm
Year 3,4,5 and 6	8:45am-9:05am	3:15pm

**Further communication** – We will write to you in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August to finalise our plans for a school return.





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## New Classes

In the new school year, we are incredibly pleased to be working with the same group of teachers as in the previous year. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Miss Simms and Mrs Meredith from maternity leave as well as wishing Mrs Mitchell all the very best for her impending arrival.

The classes for 2020/2021 will be as follows.

Foundation Stage – Miss Stansfield (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Meredith (Friday)

Year 1 – Miss Garratt

Year 2 – Miss Hill

Year 3 – Miss Simms (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Dewick (Wednesday – Friday)

Year 4 – Miss Smith

Year 5 – Miss Toon (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Miss Simms (Wednesday and Thursday)

Year 6 – Mrs Linnett

## Transition

In normal circumstances we would be having our class change over days next week, where the children would have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and take part in some transition activities. Unfortunately, this isn't possible this year. This year the children's transition will be slightly different.

The whole of next week will be our transition week. On Monday your child's new class teacher will post a video into the home learning area of the school website. Following on from this the children will be asked to complete a range of transition activities aimed at preparing them for their new class and to let the new class teacher know a little bit about them. We would love it if the children could bring this work in to school when the new term begins in August.

On the Friday of the last week, your child's current class teacher will post a 'Goodbye' video on to their home learning page.

When the children return to school in August the first few days will act as transition days to ensure that the children are confident and happy in their new classrooms with their new teacher.

## Reports

At the end of this week our school reports will be sent out to all parents. Those children who are in school will bring their reports home, those children who remain at home will have their reports sent by post – thank you for confirming your address for us. I trust that these reports you have received are informative and enable you to understand the attainment and progress of your son or daughter.

The progress and attainment measures in your children's reports reflect where we believe your children were at the beginning of school closures in March. Attendance is also measured to this point.





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## **Finally**

We're fully aware that as parents you have been working incredibly hard over the lockdown period and we want to say a huge thank you for your amazing support and for working so hard to continue your children's education at home. You have been incredible and we are very thankful for everything you've done.

We would be so pleased if you would continue to read and practice the basics with your children (to ensure they maintain those key skills). Please try to make sure that you and your children get a rest from learning over the summer and enjoy the world around you.

We can't wait to have a busy school again come August seeing you all in the playground and to see the children in school will be a welcome sight.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Leigh Fox  
Headteacher

