



SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

SPORTS WEEK:

All pupils in school will be taking part in a range of sporting activities and challenges as part of National School Sports Week **beginning 21st June**. In *ordinary times*, the school sports day is a highlight of the calendar. Though it continues to be hugely unfortunate that almost all school events are taking place 'behind closed doors', we will not let ongoing restrictions limit the children's participation in important events such as this. As well as a 'sports day', the children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of workshops over the course of the week.

Pupils should come to school in suitable PE kit for the five days of the week (21st – 25th June). We understand that you may not be able to wash and dry PE tops/shorts each day, so please alternate with school polo shirts and/or a suitable alternative if required.

It promises to be a fantastic week.

VISION SCREENING:

Please could all parents of pupils in Reception Class return the consent form for the vision screening programme to school by Friday 18th June.

REMINDER – SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure that all orders for new school uniform are placed by 4th July to guarantee delivery in time for September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER:

When buying new school shoes for September, please ensure that you spend your money wisely, and purchase suitable school shoes in-keeping with our expectations. Very unfortunately, what some retailers market as 'school shoes' does not fall in line with our expectations at school, and it is difficult to rectify this should there be an issue. School have been lenient over the past year given certain restrictions on retail however the expectations for school uniform needs to be met by all, and we will require parents to replace inappropriate footwear in a timely fashion from September.

School shoes (for both boys and girls) should be:

- Black leather (or 'polishable' leather substitute).
- Fastenable (strap or laces).

For clarity, the following would not be appropriate:

- Black trainers (sports brand/designed as a training shoe).
- Loose fitting 'loafer' style shoe.
- Anything with a heel or platform.
- Lightweight 'knitted' material.
- Anything that could be classed as a 'fashion shoe'.

We would be happy for parents to consult us in advance of purchase if there is any uncertainty; please just get in touch with the school office.

REMINDER – PE KIT:

We will continue to ask pupils to come in to school in their full school PE kit on their PE day from September 2021. As such, it will be compulsory for all pupils to have the full PE kit including embroidered school hoodie and plain navy jogging bottoms or track pants. All items may be purchased from our uniform supplier however non-embroidered items may be purchased elsewhere as long as the items are fully in-keeping with the school policy (ie. The correct colour and style).

REMINDER – CONTINUING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Please share these protocols with all adults involved in providing care for your child.

If your child displays any of the following COVID symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change of the sense of smell or taste

it is vital that you:

- **Keep your child and any siblings/household members at home** and isolated;
- **Book a test.** Tests can be booked online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by ringing 119 if you have problems using the online service;
- **Notify school immediately** by emailing wsmcovid@gatedu.org.

You are strongly encouraged to book a test at a testing centre – rather than a postal test – to avoid the delay of critical information to contacts.

An LFD (Lateral Flow Device) should not be used on a symptomatic case and can not be used instead of a PCR test.

If any member of your household or **any close contact that your child has outside of school** develops symptoms, **your child must isolate immediately** and **must not come to school** until a COVID-19 test outcome is received by the symptomatic case.

We will continue to respond appropriately to, and keep you well informed of, Government and Public Health Advice regarding the proposed roadmap out of restrictions.