

## Gladstone Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Parent Survey Response**

Wowsers! What an overwhelming response to our survey – thank you so much!

It was packed with praise, support and loads of constructive suggestions, which we are very pleased to receive. All of them will be considered. Some parents/carers did comment on individual issues regarding their children, which is great and these have been passed onto the class teachers to respond.

Look out for our <u>Parents Evening Letter</u>, which is due out soon. You will be able to book a telephone consultation in place of your usual meeting in school.

## The key issues raised were:

Face Masks – many of you raised the concern that some parents/carers are entering the school site without one. We are concerned about this too and will keep reminding people to do so. It's so important if we are going to keep the school running, that we all do our bit.

Glass on the all-weather pitch – we constantly ask the council to clear this and make it safe. We check it ourselves and do sweep it up when we see it. Please all do be careful when entering these areas.

Drop off in different places – some comments came in about being able to drop off multiple children in the same place. We will keep reviewing this but feel that by dropping off at designated doors, it staggers the flow of children/adults from different Bubbles. It also reduces the number of people on Wooler Street at any one time and avoids huge queues at the Lower School, Wooler Street Gate. I think there was the misunderstanding that the children enter the playground from different doors and then mix anyway, but I can assure you it is to help manage the flow of the hundreds of people that arrive at each door. We will keep this under review.

Wykeham Street is a busy road. We're releasing EYFS from the all-weather pitch now to improve safety. I have also had multiple meetings with the Highways Agency who have agreed to install barriers to improve the situation.

Dogs – many of you have requested that dogs are not brought onto the site. If we see this we do ask them to be taken out.

Cars on Wooler Street – not many of you drive down to the end of the street now and turn your cars when there are children crossing and adults waiting. We have no control over this as it is a public highway, but would ask that you please don't. It is definitely an accident waiting to happen if an unsupervised child steps into the road.



















Y4 & Y6 release times vary – it's very hard to control the flow of 8 classes from this area but we do our best. Children will not be left unsupervised and if the weather is bad, we will shelter under the porch in the playground.

As a practice run, in case Bubbles were to be sent home due to a positive test, we are going to occasionally issue homework on Purple Mash – watch this space for further details.

Rushed Lunch Time – a few parents reported that their children were bringing their lunches home as they didn't have time to eat them. 25 minutes is allocated for eating before playing out, but we will keep our eye on this.

Thank you again for this response. As ever, we will keep in touch and will continue to review everything.

Always do come and talk to one of us if you have any questions, worries or concerns. Do contact the office by phone, text or email if you would like to speak to someone in particular. We are here for you.

Best wishes

**Mr Garry Johnson** 

Head Teacher