



# Gladstone Road Primary School

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Hello Parents and Carers 🙌,

## Updates

Well we started the week with the unexpected drain malfunction! Thank you so much for bearing with us as we sorted it all out. I took the decision to close the school for the majority of the Year 1 children, as the classrooms and hall had been contaminated. I do recognise that this may have had an impact on childcare while we deep cleaned the areas and apologise if this was the case. Well done to those of you that managed to tune into the 'Live' lessons. Yet again, your children demonstrated resilience and you should be very proud of them. A huge shout out to the staff for their rapid response, especially Mr Walton and Mrs Sarney for getting our school put back together 🚚

## Reports

The teachers have been busy writing your child's end of year report, which we are aiming to send out next week. They have been a joy to read. I've learnt even more about the individual successes and challenges that have been overcome in such a challenging year.

## September Classes

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, you and the children will find out the class details for September. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, the children will spend the morning in their new classes to get to know their new teacher and the routines. The children will take part in a creative writing activity to inspire them but also to allow the new teacher to assess them ready for the Summer preparations. There will be celebration assemblies too, which we will record for you to watch at your leisure 📺

## COVID Restriction Updates

Although we are still waiting for the Government advice on 'Bubbles' we have drawn up our plans for drop-off and collection next year, which we can share soon. From the 19<sup>th</sup> July we know that social distancing and face coverings are optional for the general public. In terms of drop-off and collection from the 19<sup>th</sup> July, I would suggest that you wear a mask if you feel you want to when in the playground, but do still respect everyone's personal space and try to maintain a distance like you do already – it feels quite a natural thing to do now. Please do continue to wear your mask in the playground until the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Thanks again for working alongside us and supporting us with everything. One of the positives that have come out of all of this is our strong partnership. You know where we are if you need anything. Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Best wishes

Mr Garry Johnson  
Head teacher

