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Hello Parents & Carers,

**Thank you** 🙏

Well here we are at half-term and haven't we all done so well. Thank you so very much for supporting us with everything. Your 'kind words' on our website, really do make us smile. We are also always pleased to receive your feedback, which always helps us to get better at what we do – thank you 🙏

If you haven't had the chance yet, please do complete the Parent View Survey on the Ofsted website to support our pending inspection. 🙏 [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

Do have a look on our website where you will find the two assemblies that I have uploaded for your children, the feedback from our lesson observations, details about the Parent Governor ballot and much more. [Home - Gladstone Road Primary School \(gladstoneroadschool.co.uk\)](http://gladstoneroadschool.co.uk)

**The Future** 🚀 ⚙️

We've all been working really hard to plan ahead for when schools do re-open. We have completely overhauled our curriculum and assessment systems, so that we can quickly work out where your child is on their learning journey and teach them appropriately to make rapid progress. In Ofsted speak...this is our CURRICULUM INTENT. We also have lots of new initiatives in place to promote health and wellbeing – it's all there waiting plus I have a few surprises ready to pull out of the hat too! 🚀 ⚙️

Have a look at the overview of what we have been busy doing with our curriculum here:

[Headteacher message - Gladstone Road Primary School \(gladstoneroadschool.co.uk\)](http://gladstoneroadschool.co.uk)

and here:

[Our-Curriculum-Intent.pdf \(gladstoneroadschool.co.uk\)](http://gladstoneroadschool.co.uk)

**Pancake day**

We can't let an annual Scarborough tradition of Skipping not happen in some way, so we have our own unique way of celebrating this. Please look on the website for the Gladstone Road Skip Fit Challenge. There is a very short video to explain, but we want children to practise skipping ready for our March Challenge. Parents can join in with the fun as well! Miss Mountford shows how you can do this without a skipping rope. In the next work pack will be a skipping rope for every child. More details will follow about the challenges, but in the meantime get practising and entering how many skips/jumps you do over half-term!



## Lesson Observations

The words that spring to my mind are...

- Wow 🙌 Wow 🙌 Wow 🙌
- Amazing adult commitment at home 🙌
- Children expressing their learning, making progress and embracing this new way of life with gusto 🙌
- Fantastic staff who have adapted under so much pressure (mainly from me! 🙄) to overcome the barriers of COVID and make this work for what you need and in the best way we can 🙌
- A deep-rooted presence of Gladstone Road community spirit, that is humbling, reassuring and to be admired – what a team we are, together 🙌 🙌 🙌 🙌 I just love being part of it 🙌

Hopefully you have seen the reviews we have put on Facebook and the website. We have more to come and will upload them as soon as we can. Each teacher has received written feedback and along with the rest of the whole staff team, have had a virtual hug from the Senior Leadership Team on your behalf.

## Surveys

Here is an update for you on our Home Learning Offer in response to the Parent/Child Surveys:

Issue Raised...	Solution
Timekeeping of 'Live' lessons when brothers and sisters are sharing a device.	We have now loaned out 90 laptops to help families with more than one child to access the 'live' learning. Please contact us if you would like one 🛠️
We would like more teacher 1 to 1 sessions	Extra phonics sessions for children across school are in place, alongside intervention sessions and extra help sessions. Your child will now hopefully be accessing targeted support if it is required.
Missed sessions	We now aim to upload the flipcharts the teachers will use after each lesson into the chat. 🛠️
There is no time for social time to support my child's wellbeing	Organised social time is now in place.
Can we have whole school assemblies?	Mr Johnson records a weekly assembly for you to view at a convenient time 📺.
How are you checking the work my child produces? Sometimes they feel it is pointless as it won't be marked.	Our teachers are starting to introduce quizzes, Writing assignments on Teams and other software solutions. They are also bringing the afternoon subjects into their morning sessions, so the work done from the packs is then used to influence their Reading and Writing in the morning sessions. Of course, at any point you can send work in by email or on the chat functions. 🛠️
We need rewards or dojos – something to keep my child motivated.	Class teachers are working this out for their classes and we will make sure that these are received in every class. We are experimenting with a 'dojo' app – watch this space 📺

## **A Parent's Guide to Microsoft Teams**

We know that you and your children are whizzes now at managing Teams but please book yourself onto this free 30 minute webinar if you would like to learn more.

<https://www.nyestraining.co.uk/Event/134133>

This link can also be found on our website.

## **New Drop Off / Pick Up Routines**

You will have probably noticed the drop off and exit points are busier this week with the increases in numbers of families needing school places. We now have 300 children accessing school to support critical workers, to support special circumstances or for respite. We are constantly reviewing the children coming to school and the requests to be in school and may be asking some families to only attend on a part-time basis to ensure we are keeping everyone safe.

After half term we are making these changes:

### **Lower School Morning drop off**

- Reception Green and Reception Yellow will come in on the corner gate on Wykeham in the morning only. This is where they always used to come in.
- Everyone else in Reception Blue, Reception Red, Year 1 and Year 2 stays the same.

### **Lower School End of the day collection**

- Nothing is changing.

### **KS2 Morning drop off**

- The 'All Weather Pitch' will be opened up as an additional entrance for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. These Year groups now have a choice which entrance to come in.

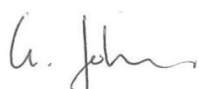
### **KS2 School End of the day collection**

- The 'All Weather Pitch' is where Year 3 and Year 5 will come out.
- Wooler Street Playground is where Year 4 and Year 6 will continue to come out.

If you have children in Year 3 and 4 for example, we will organise it so they can both come out of the same entrance. Parents won't be able to use the playground because the one-way system is integral for maintaining social distancing. We are sure you will support this as since March 2020, we have only had three confirmed cases in school and two instances of Bubble closures. This is because of all our efforts.

So, have a brilliant half-term. I hope you get chance to get some fresh air, catch-up with loved ones online and to participate in the skipping extravaganza!

Very best wishes to you all, we are right beside you and always stay close to me.



Mr Garry Johnson  
**Head teacher**