



Gorton Primary School – Newsletter 1

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to a new academic year at Gorton Primary School. We are finally in our brand new building and both pupils and staff are loving their new learning space. We are still finishing off some areas of the school but we are thrilled with the building.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times. We continue to follow Government guidelines to ensure we keep our pupils, families and staff safe. We thank you for your understanding in using our new one way system and for following the school rules. This is for everyone's safety.

It is important that you stick to your drop off and collection times so that we are able to safely ensure the social distancing of all pupils in their bubbles. Can I please remind Reception and year 2 parents/carers to only enter the school playground when it is your designated time. This is to ensure everyone's safety. Please check the times below to ensure you have the correct time. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ms Williams Principal

	Drop off	Collection
Nursery	8.50	11.50
Reception	9.00	3.15
Year 1	8.50	3.05
Year 2	9.00	3.15

If you have any questions about school please get in touch:

Phone: 0161 505 0910

Email : Gortonoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

Website: <http://gorton-manchester.org.uk/>

School Attendance

This year at Gorton Primary School Attendance is our biggest priority. We ask for parents and carers to support school by bringing your children into school every day and on time. We have set a school target of 96% this academic year. Let's work together to achieve this target! Our first weeks attendance was only 87%. Let's see if we can get it to 96% this week.

Attendance and punctuality play an important part in your child's school life. Here at Gorton Primary we are dedicated to ensuring our children get the best education possible. This means we will do whatever we can to support and assist our families wherever possible with attendance/punctuality.

However pupils whose attendance falls below 90% will be fined by the Local Authority and may face prosecution. It is a legal requirement for you to send your child to school on time every day.

If your child is absent from school you must contact the school office before 9.00am. If you have a medical appointment, please bring in evidence of your appointment for school records. When evidence cannot be produced an unauthorised absence will be recorded.

Examples of unauthorised absences

- Your child has overslept
- Another sibling is ill
- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Didn't sleep well
- Had to take the pet to the vets

Attendance Treats

Every Friday the class with the best attendance will get a chocolate treat and all pupils with 100% attendance will get extra play on our brand new playground. Please ensure you bring your children to school every day and on time so that they can participate in our attendance treats and prizes!

COVID 19

I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued understanding and support during these unprecedented times. Please can I remind parents that if your child has any of the following symptoms then please DO NOT bring your child to school.

1. High temperature or
2. A continuous cough or
3. Loss of taste/smell

If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and call 119 to arrange a Coronavirus test, and call school to inform us of the situation.

At Gorton Primary School we will do our best to keep parents informed on the health and well-being of our pupils.

Can I please ask that ALL parents please remember to keep social distancing measures in place whenever you are on school property.

School Payments

Gorton Primary School is now a cashless school. All school payments must be made through our school system called Arbor. To be able to use the system please follow the instructions below.

1. Log on to Arbor and download the app to your device. If you have never logged in before we have re-sent emails today with a link. All you need to do is open the link click on forgotten password, enter your email address which will then send a password reset to your email. Open the new email and create a new password and then log in.
2. Once you are logged in, please click on payments and there will be 6 options.
 - Clubs
 - Trips
 - Uniform
 - Snack
 - Milk
 - Meals
3. You then need to open the option you would like to pay money into and press top up account and enter the amount you would like to pay. It will then ask you for your card details. Once completed click submit and then the payment will be added to your account.

Snack and Milk will start again from Monday 14th September, all prices were emailed out to parents so please check your emails if you have not seen the letter. Please let your child class teacher know if you have paid for snacks or milk. Any questions please contact the school office.

Welcome Our New Staff!



Mr. Simmons
Site Manager



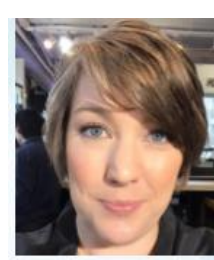
Mrs Grime
Year 2 Teacher



Mr. Howell
Year 1 Teacher



Miss Pervez
Nursery Teacher



Miss Marshall
Teacher



Miss McCormick
Cook



Miss Woods
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Miss Lucas
1:1 Support