



Gorton Primary School – Newsletter 2 - 2021

Attendance Guidance

Manchester city council have provided attendance training to all schools in greater Manchester. We would therefore like to relay some of the information back to parents.

Holidays

We do not authorise any holidays during school terms. If you take your children out of school for a holiday during term time you will be at risk of a penalty notice.

If your child is out of school for 10 days or more, you will receive a fine from the local authority for £60 per parent per child.

If your child is out of school for 20 days, on the 21st day they will lose their place with us, and you would have to re-apply with Manchester city council where there is no guarantee there will be spaces left in that year group.

Illness

After 3 days of illness, we will now need to see a doctors note for us to authorise the absences from school. If your child is ill or not feeling well for longer than 3 days, we advise you take them to your GP to get them checked out.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office where we will be happy to help.

Ozzy Awards:

Value – Thinker

Well done to all our winners this week for our Ozzy awards:

R – Helena

Yr1A – Elias

Yr1B – Logan

Yr2K – Miral

Yr2M – Corey-Jai

Yr3H - Nihal



Arbor Payments

Reminder:

School no longer accepts any cash; all payments must be processed through **Arbor**.

If you do not have an Arbor account, please contact Miss Dunning in the school office who will help you set it up.

You can update any personal information or Arbor this way school can ensure we have the correct phone numbers and home addresses for you.



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE WHILE CASES OF COVID-19 ARE INCREASING.

If in doubt, take a test.

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Change to how things taste or smell

If you have any of these signs, you must **stay at home** and book a free PCR test as soon as possible.

A PCR test is for people who think they have symptoms of COVID-19. It is a swab test that is sent to a lab to be analysed.

Sometimes, people with COVID-19 do not have the three main symptoms listed above. Instead, they have any of the following symptoms:

- Diarrhoea
- Sore throat
- Muscle or full body aches
- Tired and unwell
- Headache that lasts a long time
- Blocked or runny nose
- Sickness or vomiting

SO TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE:

If you don't have the three main symptoms, but you do feel ill with other symptoms on the list, please also book a free PCR test.

You don't have to stay at home while you wait for the results. You would only have to do that if you get a positive result for COVID-19.

IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE BOOK A PCR TEST.

You can register for one online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus by ticking the boxes online that say:

- I've been told to get a test by my local council.
- My local council Health Protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms.

Or you can ring **119** and say the same thing to book a test.

For more information go to manchester.gov.uk/coronavirus

SUPPORT TO SELF-ISOLATE.

There is a lot of help and support if you do test positive for COVID-19, including money to help people:
<https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/selfisolationpaymentscheme>

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Covid Guidelines

As you are all aware Covid 19 is still very real and we still looking to do the best we can to keep all children, parents, and staff safe.

Can we please remind all parents that if your child has any of the 3 main symptoms, they must self-isolate and have a PCR test or isolate for 10 days before they can return to school.

If your child has any of the wider symptoms which are listed below, then we advise you to get your child a PCR test however you do not have to self-isolate while you wait for the results.

Wider symptoms

- Muscle or full body aches
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea
- Tired or unwell
- Runny nose
- Headache that lasts a long time
- Sickness or vomiting