

# Gosforth Park First School

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On behalf of the staff and the Governing Body I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas. Thank you so much for supporting our whole school community. Your kind words on the door and in cards and e-cards have meant so very much to us all.

Mrs Lamb

## Term Dates

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## Thank you PTFA!

Thank you so much to the PTA and Asda who provided the snack and treats for our Christmas Parties. Huge thanks also for organising Santa's Grotto and helping Santa's and his elves with gifts. There was a lot of magic around the grotto with sightings of footprints, pawprints and even Rudolph's nose!



Although we haven't been able to do our usual nativities, performances and carol concerts, there will be a little something sent via Tapestry/Seesaw this afternoon. The children and staff have been working really hard to get these to you and we hope you enjoy. Please do not share these more widely on social media.

Thanks  
Mrs Lamb

## COVID-19

Thank you so much for your support this term in helping with self-isolation and bubble closures.

**If your child becomes symptomatic on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, please let us know by emailing the admin inbox immediately.**

Anyone showing symptoms during this time may have had close contacts with others in school in the 48 hours prior to this (when contagious) and therefore there are actions that school will need to take.

If your child becomes symptomatic/accesses a test after this, please continue to update us for information via the admin email address.

Please see attached the **Christmas Bubble Guidance** from Newcastle City Council.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p. All money raised comes back to school to spend on playtime equipment for the children.

## Mathletics

Well done to Yellow Class again for being our top participants.

Well done to Zoe Tinnion and Aiza Sharif for gaining the most points this week.



Well done to Millie Anderson, Leo Tomlinson and Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, for holding on to the record for top studio speeds.

Ms Gasper

## Oxford Reading Buddy

Our Oxford reading buddy this week is **Jacob Mancini**, well done! All the logins are in the reading diaries, how many books and quizzes can you do by next week?



Whole school attendance was 98.2% this week.

**Please see our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide below.**

## COVID

Remember if you or your child are self-isolating the guidelines are as follows...

*Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19).*

*This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.*

### **How to self-isolate**

*You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.*

### **Don't**

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

For more information visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



We hope that you can get out and about and active in some way this Christmas, but on those days that you can't, or if you are having to self-isolate, the NHS change for life campaign has some fantastic child and family friendly games and activities that you can set up and enjoy at home. They have a wealth of resources, all linked to Disney films and characters and include a short Disney video with clear instructions of how to play. The link below leads to the activities where you can select Indoor Activities for Kids, 10 minute shake up games or an A-Z or Sports and activities.

**Website:** <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>

## Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High temperature</b></li> <li>• <b>New continuous Cough</b></li> <li>• <b>Loss or change to sense of smell or taste</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>
7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 <b>or</b> I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>

8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice">https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</a> and how to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk</a></p> <p>Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.</p>
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.</p>

