



GARTON ON THE WOLDS C.E. (V.C.) SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mr. J. Baxter

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable and fun-filled summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children into school today and to see them settle back into school routines.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CURRENTLY HAVING ISSUES WITH THE SCHOOL'S SERVER WHICH MEANS WE ARE UNABLE TO EASILY ACCESS THE SCHOOL'S E-MAIL SYSTEM AND PAYMENT SYSTEMS. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE RECTIFIED WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

As a school, we will endeavour to ensure that school life at Garton on the Wolds is a fun, inspirational and engaging experience for all children and their families.

We are always available to discuss any matters in relation to your child and we will continue to work hard to communicate with you so that you know what your child has been doing at school and what they will be doing in the upcoming weeks and months. Our school website can be found at www.gartonprimary.co.uk and this is regularly updated with information and the latest newsletters. The key pages to check regularly are:

- **Term dates** – Please ensure you have downloaded these for the year.
- **Letters** – Letters are posted on this section for your reference.
- **Newsletters** – Fortnightly newsletters will be uploaded onto the school's website each Friday (starting 15th September). Please ensure you read these as they have important notices for the upcoming week.

Please find below updates/reminders for the upcoming term.

School Start and Finish Times

School starts at 8:55am for all classes. The school gate will be unlocked at **8:45am** and children/parents/carers will then be able to enter the playground. School finishes at **3:20pm** for children in Class 1; please collect children directly from the Class 1 exterior door. School finishes at **3:30pm** for children in Class 2, 3 and 4; please collect children from the playground.

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School Improvements

You will have noticed that during the summer holidays we have had a new 'history timeline' installed on the decking of Class 1's classroom. We would again like to take this opportunity of thanking the family of Tommy & Harry for supporting this special project. We are sure that you will agree, the addition of the timeline will provide all of our children with a fantastic historical resource whilst also enhancing our playground enormously. On behalf of the children and staff we would like to take this opportunity to thank the family for their kindness and generosity.

In addition to the history time-line, we have also had wallart/new signage installed to the exterior and interior of school. This has helped to brighten up key areas including the corridors and the school hall.

Seesaw

We will continue to use the Seesaw app for parents/carers to contact class teachers with class-related questions. We are currently setting the app up for the 2023/24 academic year and we will let you know when this is complete. Information about the Seesaw app, including a consent form, will be sent home to any new parents/carers over the coming days.

Please note that any general school queries/updates i.e. school meals, absences, should be sent directly to the school office, via e-mail or phone.

School Dinners

Dinner menus are available on our school website under Parental Information > Lunch Menus.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' Government initiative. Alternatively, parents are permitted to send their child with a packed lunch, if they wish.

For children in Nursery, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – hot dinners will be available each day at a cost of **£2.60** per day or **£13.00 per week**.

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Breakfast Club and After School Club

Both Breakfast Club and After School Club continue to be available during term time.

Breakfast Club is available from 7:45am until 8:55am.

- From 7:45am (including breakfast) £5.00
- From 8:00am (including breakfast) £3.00
- From 8:30am (excluding breakfast) £1.50

After School Club is available from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

- 3:30pm – 4:00pm £2.00
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm £3.00
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm £5.00

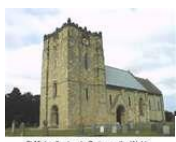
Please complete the booking form or contact the School Office by e-mail or telephone if you need to book your child into either club.

School Attendance

All children are expected to be in school unless they have an authorised reason for an absence or they are unwell. Registers are completed each day and all non-attendance will be followed up. If your child is absent for any reason, then please contact the School Office.

As a school, we will be regularly monitoring individual school attendance and will be in contact, via letter or telephone, if we have any attendance concerns.

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Uniform and PE Kit

There is an expectation that children wear the correct school uniform. This is outlined below:

Reception to Year 6	
Winter	Garton on the Wolds sweatshirt or a cardigan School Poloshirt – either royal blue or white Grey or black school trousers Grey or black skirt or pinafore A pair of indoor shoes
Summer	School Poloshirt and grey or black shorts/trousers Navy gingham checked dress, grey or black skirts

Children in Nursery should wear a red sweatshirt/cardigan and a red/white poloshirt. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.

On PE days, children in Class 2, 3 and 4 will be required to attend school wearing their outdoor PE kit. There is an expectation that all children will have the correct PE kit as outlined below:

Reception to Year 6
House colour t-shirt or plain white t-shirt Plain black/navy PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms A black/navy hoody to wear during cold weather A pair of outdoor trainers and indoor plimsolls

Uniform and PE kits can be purchased by visiting the following website:

<https://www.handkembroidery.co.uk/collections/garton-on-the-wolds-school>

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PE days for this term are as follows:

Class 1 – Monday

Class 2 – Wednesday & Friday

Class 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Class 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Instrumental Tuition

Mrs Rooke's guitar, ukulele, singing and piano lessons will take place on a Thursday; children will be required to bring in their instruments from home.

The East Riding's peripatetic music service will recommence lessons week beginning the 11th September. The woodwind lessons will take place on a Monday and violin lessons will take place on a Friday; it is important that children do have their instruments in school in preparation for their lessons.

We currently have vacancies for any KS2 pupils who are interested in learning to play a woodwind and/or string instrument. If you child has shown an interest or you would like further details, please contact the school office.

We are looking forward to working with you over the coming year. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Take care,

Mr J Baxter
Executive Headteacher

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