



Friday 19th February 2021



Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe and have enjoyed some rest and relaxation this half-term.

I include some updates and also some answers to queries I have received.

February 22nd

For the first two weeks of this new half-term we will continue to operate our Rangers Bubbles for keyworker and vulnerable pupils only.

All other learning will remain on line on class Dojo or via work packs.



Class DOJO

Class DOJO continues to be our online platform and will also be the platform we use if a Bubble should have to isolate once school re-opens.

We are constantly reviewing our provision and are currently setting up Microsoft TEAMS for **all** of our children. This will mean that throughout each day we will be able to provide opportunities for children to have live sessions with their class teachers and gather together as a whole class for key parts of the day such as morning registration, phonics, certain lessons and story-times.

We are already holding live intervention sessions in Y5 and Mr Payne has been the first to trial a live class session with Willow Class.

Please continue to use admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk for general enquiries or questions rather than Class DOJO.

All applications for Rangers must also be via the school office and not Class DOJO.



Thank you to our Families

The whole staff team would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for your amazing support for us during this closure. Your support for remote learning, getting used to Class DOJO and positive feedback to the teachers is greatly appreciated.

It has been heart-warming to see so many children active in their lessons every day and trying their hardest in these unusual times. Thank you from us all at Glapton.



March 8th Re-opening

We are preparing for a March re-opening but will update arrangements after the government announcement on Monday February 22nd. We will send you an update as soon as possible after this announcement.



School Health and Safety Quality Assurance

The LEAD Trust Health & Safety Officer visited on the 9th February to carry out a quality assurance check on our COVID Safety measures.

We are pleased to let you know that we achieved the highest category of assurance – Substantial Assurance on our Coronavirus Measures.

The areas looked at were as follows:

- 1) Our ability to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- 2) Where recommended, the use of face coverings in our school.
- 3) Our facilities and arrangements to clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- 4) How we ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Our measures for enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard cleaning products.
- 6) How we minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) If we always keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- 8) Where necessary, the provision of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 9) How we engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 10) How we manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.

There were a small amount of recommendations which we have immediately implemented including the installation of a touchless sign in system for staff, increased signage on our sanitise stations and the removal of some staff room furnishing.

The Officer watched the parents arriving for Rangers Bubbles and noticed not many were wearing face coverings or masks.

One of the recommendations was to continue to encourage parents to social distance and to wear face masks.

PLEASE KEEP SOCIALLY DISTANCED FROM OTHER PARENTS ON ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL AND WEAR A FACE COVERING. THANK YOU

We hope you find our Substantial Assurance on our Coronavirus Measures reassuring if you are currently attending and whilst you are preparing to return on March 8th.



School times

School times will be returning to 8.45am to 3.15pm on March 8th.

Some children in the older years will be asked to arrive at school earlier to allow safe entry into school.

Exact times, gates and arrangements will be confirmed as soon as possible after the government announcement on Monday.



Uniform

Children will be expected to return in full school uniform so the next two weeks would be useful to check everything fits and order any new uniform.

Children in Rangers are expected to be in full uniform.

Uniform can be ordered directly from the following suppliers:

Rosebuddies

<http://www.rosebuddiesonline.co.uk/>

EMSD

<http://www.emsd-online.co.uk/schoolwear/glaption-academy>

Just School Wear

<https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/index.html>

If you have any problems accessing uniform please contact admin@glaptionacademy.co.uk as we have a small supply available in school.



Mid-Day Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a new Mid-Day Supervisor for when we re-open in March.

Miss Maple has left us for a full-time post and we wish her lots of luck in her new job.

If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form.



Mrs Ralph

Mrs Ralph is recovering from an operation which she had during half-term.

Mrs Kay will be looking after Alder Class until Mrs Ralph returns.

We wish her a speedy and full recovery.



Safeguarding updates

Network Rail have sent the following advice to families with children at home during lockdown after an increase in accidents.

If you have an older child who might be out walking alone on their daily exercise you might want to go through the following points.

- **You must never presume you know when the next train will pass**, trains run 24hrs 7 days a week and trains can be diverted, delayed or have timetables changed for a number of reasons, it's not just passenger trains on our Network we also have freight trains transporting goods up and down the country & our maintenance trains which are not included within normal timetables.
- **You might not hear a train approaching until it's too late**, some trains are almost silent, especially the newer trains running on our network.
- **Trespass is illegal**, it's a criminal offence to trespass on the railway, and if you are on the wrong side of our fences or level crossing barriers then you are trespassing and can receive a criminal record and £1000 fine. Anyone aged 10 or over can be arrested and prosecuted for trespass. As well as having our own patrollers & working with BTP we have cameras on our stations & on the front of trains.

- **STOP, LOOK & LISTEN**, when you reach a foot crossing or level crossing on the railway, always stop look and listen, never assume it is safe to cross. Remove any headphones & stay off your phone whilst crossing to avoid distractions. If you are crossing with a dog, make sure your dog is on a lead at all times. Cross quickly & safely, don't attempt to cross if you hear sirens, see red lights flashing or barriers lowering & don't stop halfway as you won't have time to cross. Don't assume that it's safe to cross if a train has just passed, if the barriers or lights remain on another train will be approaching. Level Crossings are LIFE SAVERS not time wasters, they are there for your safety.
- **Trains travel at speeds of up to 125mph & weigh up to 400 tonnes**, 400 tonnes is the same as 80 elephants! A train can't stop instantly, it is unable to swerve out of the way like a car, and it can take a train up to the length of 20 premier league sized football pitches to come to a complete stop after applying the brakes!

Two children were rescued from the River Trent near the Grove in Clifton recently and three teenagers from quicksand in a Nottingham Quarry. This is a good time to talk to children about the dangers of places they might choose to play so that together, we can keep all of our Glapton children safe.



FOYLE FOUNDATION

School Library

We have fantastic news on our school library which has been developed during lockdown. Mrs Kay has worked really hard to secure a grant for library books from the charity Foyle Foundation. After a lengthy bid process she has successfully been awarded £5000 for new books for the library. Well done Mrs Kay.

Other Projects



Daily Mile Track

We are currently forming a bid to the national Lottery Fund to install a Daily Mile track to our school grounds. This will allow access to outdoor exercise every day despite the weather. We will keep you posted.



New Build at Glapton

Planning permission has currently been requested for a new build project to join the KS1 and KS2 building allowing our primary school to interact more successfully as a whole school and for all children to safely access both sides of the building for assemblies, visits to the library or any shared class activities. The new build will also include a new library, a staff room big enough for all of our teachers and teaching assistants and a new Headteacher office so that I will be in the heart of the school and available to all staff and children throughout the day. We are excited to share more details soon if planning is permitted.



Breakfast Club and After School Care

Breakfast Club will resume after the school Easter holidays and will be for children only, but from all year groups. Registration details and conditions will be available soon.

We also hope to provide after-school provision (for a small fee) and will be sending a survey out shortly to see if this is something you would require.

After School Clubs will resume for the summer term and may be trialled during this half term. Look out for details.



Parent and Toddler & Baby Group coming soon!

Look out for details.



Students

We will be welcoming two new students from Nottingham Trent University this term.

This is strongly encouraged by the government and they will also be subject to our Covid procedures and protocols including twice weekly testing.

Miss Wilkinson will be working in KS1 and Miss Bourne in KS2.

Miss Wood continues with us in Reception.



STEM WEEK

For the children's return week we will be celebrating the National week of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each class will be undertaking an exciting Design and Technology project during the week, starting with research, a design brief and the creation of a final product. It will be an amazingly exciting start back to school for the children with lots of opportunities for teamwork and discussion whilst they settle back in.



Spring Two Dates for your Diary

St David's Day Collective Worship – 1st March

Reading Challenge Day – 4th March

Children Return Date (TBC) – 8th March

STEM Week – 8th March

St Patrick's Day Collective Worship – 17th March

Mother's Day Collective Worship - 19th March

RE Focus days – Christianity / The Easter Story - 31st March/1st April

Thursday April 1st – 3.15pm – finish for Easter break

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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