

Open Gates



School Value Focus: Sense of Belonging

Dear Parents,

Well, what a wet and windy week it's been - certainly doesn't feel like May at all! The children have **enjoyed another full week of learning** and I'm so pleased that we will be able to take Year 6 on their postponed Year 5 residential visit later in the term now that phase 3 of the roadmap is in place.

We are still **adhering strictly to our Covid safety** measures in school - thank you for all your support with this. We know from the news that we must **continue to exercise caution** and manage our risks - especially with regard to variants of concern.

Road Safety

It has been brought to my attention that some of our **younger children** are not being **adequately supervised** by parents on the pavement between the junior and infant gates. As such this has resulted in **two near miss** accidents recently when residents are trying to reverse off their driveways. Please ensure that **your children walk with you** at all times and are **not allowed to run ahead**.



Relationships Education

From September 2020 the Department for Education has made the teaching of Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools. At Two Gates School, we follow a **progressive scheme of work** which we have developed using current guidance and content. Please visit the **Personal Development and Wellbeing** page of our website for specific information about this, and also the **Relationships and Sex and Health Education Policy** which includes an overview of themes and content. As we will be teaching content from the Health Education and Sex Education strands of the **Relationships and PSHE Curriculum** at Two Gates over the coming weeks, we will send you a **separate document detailing key vocabulary and content**. It is important that you read this document so you know what your children will be learning about in school and the vocabulary they will be taught. As pupils have **missed out on some of the previous learning** due to Covid, we will be making sure that **these gaps are all filled** by the end of the summer term as these topics include a **vital safeguarding component**.

Summer term attendance expectations for schools

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. The Government is reminding parents that they should **plan their holidays around school breaks** and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

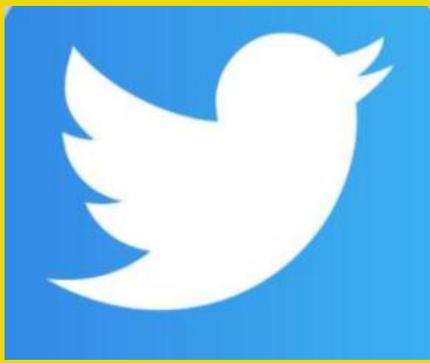
School attendance continues to **be mandatory for all pupils** and the usual rules on school attendance apply:

- It is a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil and they are of compulsory school age;
- It is a parent's duty to inform school on the first day of absence of the reason for the absence; this is all the more important in the current climate;
- The school is responsible for recording attendance and following up absence.

Please remember we are here for you and your children and if you need to talk, just call us at school **01827 213855** or drop us an **e mail- office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk**

Keep safe and kind regards,

Nêst Llewelyn-Cook
Headteacher



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are completing**

Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May
till
Friday 4th June

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Thursday 1st July
and
Friday 2nd July

INSET DAY

Monday 5th July

Family Hubs

The virtual Family Hubs provide information, advice, guidance and support to families within Staffordshire. They can help families to find local networks of support, share ideas for coping with the changes in families' lives, ideas on how to feed families on a budget and shopping ideas for how to use free school meal vouchers

Contact can be made via Facebook, phone, text and email or visit the family hub page on Staffordshire Connects.

The contact for the Tamworth area is:

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