

Glascote Academy Newsletter

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4th September 2023

Welcome Back!

We hope you are well and had a good summer.

As a new academic year starts, so the journey continues for the majority of our children, and we welcome our new Reception intake to our Glascote Family.

Before the start of term, we thought it would be helpful to provide some background on a story about schools that has appeared in the news over the last few days.

As you might be aware, over 100 schools are having to move from all, or parts, of their school buildings because there are concerns about the type of concrete that was used during their construction.

Just to be really clear, and to provide reassurance, this type of concrete was only used in the building of a limited number of schools during a set period of time. We had a full site survey undertaken in the Summer Term to look at our buildings, and surveyors confirmed that this type of concrete was not used in any of our school buildings. Our school building is, therefore, safe, and there is no reason or suggestion that we need to consider closing the school.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school as planned next Tuesday.



General reminders on organisation

All children will return to school on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**

NOTE: Parents of new Reception children please refer to and follow the transition information you have already received

Drop-off and collection:

PLEASE NOTE: *Only children through the gates onto the playground.*

- Gates open from 8:40am to 8:50am; 3:20pm to 3:30pm
- In the morning, please use the gate most convenient for you
- At the end of the school day, please collect from the gate that you have designated so that children and staff will be in the correct place



Organisation continued...

- If you use the main driveway, we operate a one-way system down the driveway and out of the smaller pedestrian gate. We do place barriers at the end of the driveway; however please be always mindful of potential traffic
- If you use the side gate, please do not block the gateway and be mindful of bicycles
- Staff will be ready to meet the children on the playground every morning and will dismiss at the end of the day when their names are called on the walkie talkie by the staff members on the gates
- We kindly ask that you are patient and respectful of other families and staff at all times

PE Kit and Outdoor (Farm & Forest sessions)

PE - On the days that your child has PE, they will come to school already dressed in their PE kit (appropriate for the weather of course, for example, children do not have to wear shorts in the winter) rather than their school uniform. They will need to wear their shoes or trainers; however, we ask that they have a pair of black pumps which they will keep in school. This is for all children (Reception to Year 6). *Please remember to REMOVE ALL JEWELLERY and leave it at home. Please note: this will begin week beginning 11th September.*

Outdoor (Farm & Forest sessions) – All children (Reception to Year 6) will come to school wearing suitable old clothes when they are timetabled to be outdoors (you will be notified of these dates separately). During these times, if you wish to send spare clothes with your child (e.g. trousers, socks, jumper in a bag) for if they get wet, then please do so.

Class	PE Days (wear PE kit o school)
Reception Mersey	Friday
Reception Thames	Friday
1 Aire	Tuesday
1 Ribble	Tuesday
2 Dover	Monday
2 Otter	Monday
3 Bain	Monday & Thursday
3 Rea	Monday & Thursday
4 Eden	Tuesday & Wednesday
5 Severn	Wednesday & Friday
6 Trent	Wednesday & Friday (We will notify you when swimming is due to begin)



Uniform

Once again, please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform at all times: shirt, tie, black shoes, grey trousers/skirt/summer dress/grey shorts, sweatshirt or cardigan. Please also ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Attendance

Please make sure that you read and adhere to the Academy Attendance Policy 2023_2024. This has been devised with Trust Headteachers and Fierté Vice-Ceo, Mr Hand and upholds current [Government Guidance](#).

Communication protocol

Please make sure that you read and adhere to the new Trust Communication and Protocol for Parents and Carers. We are here to listen and work together. Our Office Manager (Mrs Hodgkins) and Office Administrator (Mrs Dick) are always at the end of the telephone should you need them. We kindly ask that you treat all members of staff, and each other, with the utmost of respect and courtesy.



Upcoming events (further key dates will follow)

19 th /20 th /21 st September	3 Bain - Outdoor (Farm and Forest)
20 th September:	3 Bain - Inspire workshop & Family Lunch
26 th /27 th /28 th September:	3 Rea - Outdoor (Farm and Forest)
27 th September:	3 Rea - Inspire workshop & Family Lunch
28 th September:	4 Eden - Parent Assembly

And finally, we have a **new website**. If you experience problems try clearing your cache and cookies on your device or carry out a hard refresh (CTRL + F5 / CMD, SHIFT + R) when first visiting the URL.

<https://www.glascote.org/>



*Pride in myself
Pride in my work
Pride in my school
Pride in my community*