



Gateside Primary School



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021



Welcome back and we hope everyone had a lovely summer break. Firstly, we would like to welcome Miss Dunlop back after her secondment and Mrs Poole back from maternity leave. We also extend a warm welcome to the following new staff-

Mr Wilson	P6/7
Miss Colville	P3/4/5
Miss Winning	E.Y.C.
Miss Graham	E.Y.C.



New Start and Finish Times



On returning last week, we have been observing the drop off and pick up times for the children and as a result of the number of siblings across the Early Years Class and Primary 1/2 it has been decided that as from tomorrow the new times will be as follows:-

8.45 AM	E.Y.C.	2.45 PM (Remains the same)
8.55 AM	P1/2	2.55 PM
9.00 AM	P3/4/5	3.00 PM (Remains the same)
9.05 AM	P6/7	3.05 PM

Healthy Snack



As a Health Promoting School, we would like to remind parents to provide their child with a bottle of water (no fizzy/diluting juice), plus a healthy snack for break time (e.g. Fruit, Bread Sticks, Vegetable bites, Crackers, Oatcakes etc). Please keep crisps and sweets for their packed lunch. The Rights Respecting Group will be working together to create a Healthy Snacks Guide this term for the whole school. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform/Gym Kit

The children are all looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Tracksuit bottoms/leggings are permitted as we are still continuing with our outdoor learning. Please ensure that you write your child's name clearly on all items of clothing, including their jackets etc. This is to enable us to return them in case they end up lost or mixed up.

Annual Data Check Forms

Thank you to everyone who has already returned these forms to the school office. Please remember to complete, sign and return the forms by Friday 27th August, 2021 if you have not already done so.

GYM DAYS

P1/2 TUESDAY
P3/4/5 WEDNESDAY
P6/7 WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY



Early Years Class

The Early Years children have had a great start to the session and are coping well with being in a full day. They are also enjoying the lunchtime experience.



Road Safety

Thank you for supporting us in parking safely at drop off and pick up times. We ask that parents/carers arrive as close as possible to their designated pick up time. This will allow enough parking spaces and therefore reduce congestion. Please do not park on the pavement, as this is an obstruction and means that people then have to walk on the road to pass.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council have regular meetings which are held using Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join these meetings and attending them all is not a necessity. Why not try out the next meeting on Zoom to get an insight into how the committee works together for the good of the school. Since using Zoom we are pleased to see an increased number of parents attending the meetings. Thank you for your support. If you have any fund raising ideas then please contact Mrs Barker at janicehome1@aol.com. We will be in touch very soon with the date, time and link of the next meeting.

Twitter

We now have 561 followers on Twitter. You will find us at @GatesideSchool and please remember to retweet our tweets to spread the word about the great things happening at Gateside!



Easy Fund Raising

Remember to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ when doing your online shopping to raise funds for Gateside Primary School. This is really easy to do, so please think about us when you start your online Christmas shopping.



Parent Pay

Please remember to keep your child's Parent Pay Account in credit. There is an option that you can set up to enable you to receive a reminder when your funds are low. Please log in and click on the "Add an Alert" button. There is also an option now to set up a Direct Debit or Bank Transfer.



Holidays

The school will be closed on **Monday 20th September, 2021** to pupils as this is an In-Service Day for staff.

School will also be closed on **Monday 11th October, 2021** for the October break and re-open on **Monday 18th October, 2021 at 9.00 am.**

SeeSaw

We have recently set up the new classes on Seesaw and we hope you are able to log in to the Seesaw family app at home to view the work of your child/children. We will continue to use Seesaw as the main form of communication between home and school. Please remember to follow the instructions below to switch on your notifications.



Seesaw Notifications

You can set your mobile app up in order for you to receive notifications from Seesaw. Please follow the steps below.

Tap your profile icon in the upper left corner.

Tap the Gear icon (Settings)

Choose Account **Settings**

Turn email and/or push **notifications ON/ONCE A DAY/OFF**

Please remember to contact the school via telephone, email or Seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

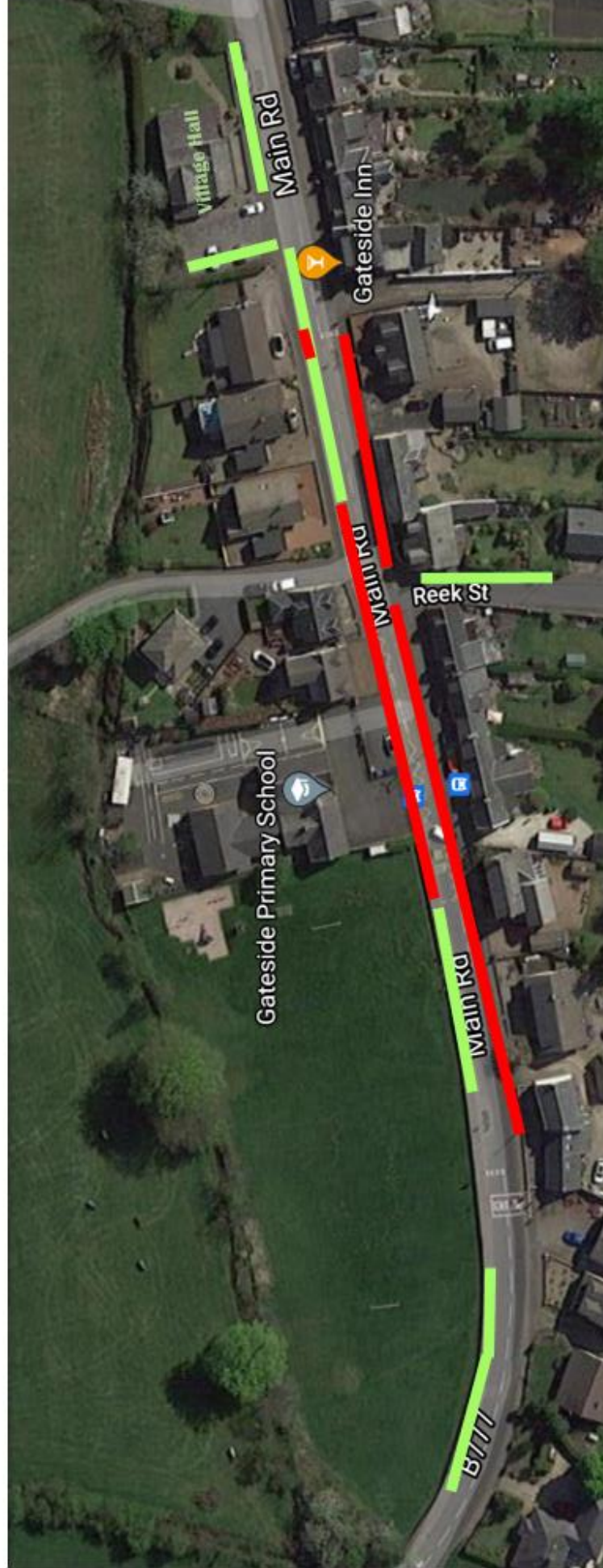
Mrs Logan - Depute Head Teacher

Safe Parking at Gateside



ARTICLE 36

I have the right to be protected from harm.



DO park at Gateside Village Hall and encourage your child to walk.

DO park alongside the field wall and encourage your child to walk.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Please **DO NOT**:

- * Park on pavements
- * Park across driveways
- * Park directly opposite the school
- * Do a turning circle in Reek Street or in resident driveways.



GATESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN 2021



12 children walk, cycle or scoot to school.

57 staff and children drive or are driven to school. A number of these park and stride.

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At the moment our priorities are:

To encourage parents/carers to park wisely to ensure the safety of all pupils of Gateside Primary & Early Years Class.

- Please do not park on or obstruct pavements
- Please do not park in driveways
- Please avoid turning in Reek Street and use the space at the Village Hall to turn safely
- Please do not park opposite the school gate or on the zig zag lines
- Please see the image about safe places to park in Gateside.
- Children are welcome to park their bikes and scooters behind the school in a safe area monitored by the school security cameras.
- Please see our 'Safe Parking at Gateside' poster