



Newsletter 11th September

Dear Parents,

This has been the best first week back that we could have hoped for—thank you for all your support and for arriving on time for drop off and pick up and for leaving the premises as soon as you have your child/ren.

Updated risk assessment : from Monday every visitor who comes in to the school building, beyond the reception desk will be required to wear a mask. If you are meeting with a member of staff they will also be wearing a mask. If you cannot wear a mask please let us know before you enter thank you

We currently have a few places in different year groups across the school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sending their child to our school please ask them to ring to discuss a place here with us as soon as possible as I am sure these places will go quickly.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold our usual open morning for families who are considering us for 2021 Reception intake. However, we are offering individual, family tours (socially distanced) after school throughout the autumn term. Please let any interested families know we would love to meet with them and show them all our school has to offer.

We have vacancies for two parent governors, please see page 2 for more information.

Thank you for the gifts, ecards and complimentary emails we have received over the past few months. They are all very much appreciated.

Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love reading about everything the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

**The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.
We do not have an official Facebook account for information.**

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

Please keep checking class pages on the website for specific information / dates for each class. Many events / activities eg class visits, extra curricular and sporting events will have separate information sent out detailing dates and times etc.

Holiday dates are on the school website—2021 / 22 will be published next week.

SENCo: mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk . If you need any help, support or advice regarding children's special educational needs, please feel free to drop-in and see Mrs Freeman She is available every Wednesday afternoon in the Year 2 classroom (3.30-4pm)

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking for ms available on school website
http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

Parent Governors

We have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors, due to terms of office coming to an end. A letter and nomination form will be sent out next week, via email and also posted on the school website governors page: www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/page/governors/2049 Parent governors generally serve for four years, as published in the school's Instrument of Government.

For anyone considering standing as a parent governor, who would like more information, we are holding a socially distanced information session with our Chair of Governing Board, Mrs Tracey Goodwin, and 2 staff governors, on Wednesday 23rd September, at 9 15AM, in the Village Hall. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Miss Atkins on 01270 685658, who will provide you with Mrs Goodwin's contact details.

Who can stand as and vote for parent governors?

The definition of a parent in education legislation includes:

All natural parents whether they are married or not;

Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person and;

Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Who is disqualified from standing for election as a parent governor?

All parents and carers aged 18 or over are eligible to stand for election, except:

Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983

Undischarged bankrupts

Persons recently convicted of a serious offence

A former governor at the school who has been disqualified on the grounds of non-attendance at meetings for a continuous period of six months without the consent of the governing board.

An elected governor who is removed from their post by the governing board is disqualified from holding office as a governor in any school until the date immediately after the fifth anniversary of the date of their removal. (The school governance constitution and federations England amendment regulations 2017).

Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee

Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted

Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools

Persons disqualified from registration for providing child minding or providing day care under the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 or under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006?

Persons appearing on DfE List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

Persons employed to work at the school or on a contract for services at the school and work for more than 500 hours a year and who has a child on roll at the time of election.

Parents and carers standing for election are asked to complete the School Governor Eligibility Self Declaration Form; this is sent with the Notice of Election. **These documents will be circulated next week, as above.**

Appointment of parent governors:

In the event that not enough parents stand for election, the regulations allow governing bodies to approach other groups, to appoint:

a parent of a registered pupil at the school, or if that is not possible;

a parent of a former pupil at the school, or if that is not possible;

a parent of a child of, or under, compulsory school age.

Registering Free School Meal Eligibility

All families who are eligible to register for Income Related Free School Meals, regardless of whether their child/ren have Universal Infant Free School Meals or packed lunches, are requested to register their eligibility with Cheshire East as soon as possible.

This is extremely important to our school, as our Pupil Premium funding is based on the numbers of pupils registered.

For details of eligibility criteria please see the information within the Start of Year packs on class pages.

To register, please call the Cheshire East Schools Team on 0300 123 5012 for advice.

Thank you.

A big congratulations to **Laurie Brown** (year 5) who was man of the match last Saturday at Egerton Football club. His team beat Wilmslow with an impressive 8-2 victory. Well done



If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families. However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.

Goostrey All Stars—our after school club.

Booking forms and more information can be found on the school's website: *School Information—Before and After School Clubs.*

£12 per session for one child and £11.50 for a sibling attending the same session.

The club runs from the school hall and the infant children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day by the club staff. Junior children go straight from their classroom to the hall.

The club operates from the end of school until 6pm each school day.

Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £3.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.55 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you. Thank you

Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.