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Glenfall News

...a newsletter to inform the school community about the
day to day life of our school.

Friday 28th May 2021



A word from the head.....

How quickly has half-term arrived? It has been a busy half term and as each week passes, more and more things are starting to feel a little bit more normal again. Despite the easing of many COVID restrictions in the community, the majority of guidance for schools remains unchanged, which I know can seem to not make sense. However, it is important that we continue to follow the guidance until we are directed to ease them to ensure the overall safety of the school community.

As normal business begins to resume there are one or two things that we need to sharpen up on again:

Morning Snacks - Morning snacks should be as healthy as possible and should primarily be fruit, cheese, vegetables, yoghurt tubes and possibly cereal bars. We have noticed an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps. We would be grateful if you could return to healthier snacks as soon as possible.

Medicines in school - If your child is required to take a prescribed medicine whilst at school, it is essential that you complete a permission form. Please call into the school office with the medicine and ask to complete a form. **DO NOT LEAVE IT IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG**

Request for leave of absence - If you need to request leave of absence for your child for an exceptional reason, please call into the office and ask for a form to complete.

E-safety Briefing - 29th June at 7pm. Since returning to school we have become aware of an increasing number of incidents regarding the children's use of technology and social media apps. We are also aware that navigating the complex issues that this throws up for parents is sometimes quite bewildering. For this reason I have arranged for an online e-safety briefing to take place. The session will take place on Zoom and I will send further details after half term. This session provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way.

The forecast for half term is looking pretty good and hopefully the sun will shine on you, wherever you are. Have fun!

I look forwards to seeing all of the children back in school on 7th June

Anthony Mitchell

COVID Safety Measures

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our COVID safety measure at the start and end of the day. Although some restrictions have eased, there are still currently many restrictions in place.

Could all parents continue to wear their facemasks at drop off and collection. It would really help with the flow of the one way system if parents could continue to support the staggered drop off and collections times. This is something which appears to have slipped a little in recent weeks. Could I also encourage all parents to leave the school site as soon as they have collected their children; I know it is tempting to catch up with friends at collection time.

Please try to support all of these measures a while longer to help ensure that the National Roadmap stays on track.



May

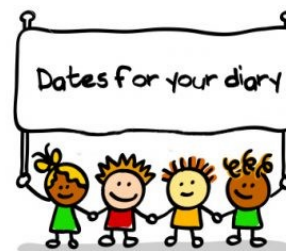
28th May - School closes for Half Term

June

7th June - School opens for Term 6
 16th June - Height, Weight & Vision checks - Reception Class
 21st June - Y5 & Y6 Residential Visit to Condover Hall
 29th June - e-safety briefing for parents at 7pm
 30th June - Sports Day
 Deadline for registration for Grammar School test for Y5's

July

2nd July - Annual Reports
 6th July - Y6 Cricket Festival
 8th July - Full Governors Meeting 7pm
 13th July - Y6 Music Recital
 16th July - Y4&4 Cricket Festival
 19th July - Y6 Performance at 1:45pm
 20th July - Y6 Performance at 6:30pm
 21st July - Whole school picnic
 Leavers assembly at 1pm
 School Closes at 2pm for Summer



Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone numbers or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you effectively.



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

A few things...

Parent Pay — School Lunches

Could all parents whose children will be taking a hot lunch please ensure that their accounts are currently in credit before ordering lunches. It is important that the account is kept in credit throughout the year to ensure that debts do not mount up. **Meals currently cost £2.34 per day.**

**ON MONDAY 10th MAY
 MEALS INCREASED TO £2.34 PER DAY.**

We have not increased the price of school meals for the last 3 years. However, due to rising food costs we have been unable to avoid increasing the price of meals. We feel that the cost still represents good value for money and I am sure the children will tell you that the food is delicious.

Battery Recycling

We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.

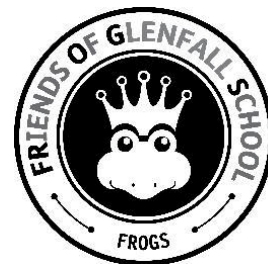




FrOGS

Regular Giving Appeal

The Friends of Glenfall School ("FROGS") is the Glenfall PTA and a registered charity no. 1039272 raising money for the benefit of the pupils of Glenfall School.



FROGS makes a huge difference to the children's lives at Glenfall School from the class Christmas presents and ice creams at the panto to large investments such as the new dining tables and bike shelter.

Usual fundraising activities such as the Summer and Christmas Fayres, Lido Day and Discos haven't been able to go ahead because of COVID. So we are looking for your support!

How to help – DonateMySchool.com

We are asking parents, carers and any supporters of Glenfall School if they can donate via **DonateMySchool.com** to FROGS on a regular monthly basis. Can you donate £5 or £10 a month? Your donation will make all the difference. If you are eligible you can also sign up for Gift Aid when you donate which means for every £1 you give FROGS will receive a further 25p from the government. Alternatively, you can make a one off donation also.

Here's how to do it...

1. **Find Us** – go to [DonateMySchool.com](https://www.donateschool.com) and search for Glenfall under Live Campaigns.
2. **View our dedicated webpage.**
3. **Click Donate** - here you can decide whether you would like to make a regular or one-off donation to FROGS.
4. **Gift Aid** – If you are eligible by signing up to Gift Aid, FROGS can claim an additional 25p from the government for every £1 you donate.
5. **FROGS then receives your donations on a regular monthly basis.**

Many thanks from the FrOGS Committee




**SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER**

Open Days 28-30 June

We warmly invite Year 5 boys and their parents to the School to hear from the Headmaster Mr Morgan, take a guided tour and ask questions about life and studying at Sir Thomas Rich's. Slots available 9am, 10am & 11am. Attendance limited to Year 5 boys: one adult and one child. Pre-booking essential

Booking opens online Monday 17 May
see www.strschool.co.uk

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' ENTRANCE TEST



DATES FOR 2022 ENTRY

Register in Year 5 to sit Entrance Test in Year 6
REGISTER ONLINE 17 MAY TO 30 JUNE 2021
TEST DAY SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021

See school websites for details and open events

GIRLS DENMARKROAD.ORG RIBSTONHALL.ORG.UK STROUDHIGH.GLOUCS.SCH.UK	BOYS MARLING.SCHOOL STRSCHOOL.CO.UK
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STAY ALERT ► CONTROL THE VIRUS ► SAVE LIVES

Would you have kept your child off school before Covid?

Yes

Keep your child off school

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home.

Ring 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to order a home test kit.

You cannot access a test through 111 or 999. Please do not go to A&E.

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

No

Do they have:

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A fever (high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)?
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

Yes

Children who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school as **NORMAL**

No

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to act

NHS

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

COVID-19 Symptoms

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our school safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

You should book a COVID-19 test if your child has:

A high temperature...

This means they have a temperature over 37.8°C.

A new continuous cough...

This means coughing for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

OR

A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste...

This means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has any of the above symptoms they must remain at home until they have received a negative test result. All household members should also remain at home.

You can book a test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119

If your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat (without a fever), mild colds etc, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if they are fit to do so. Please refrain from 'dosing' up with Calpol as it makes it difficult for us to identify if they have a temperature.

Here's what to do if...

Your child has COVID-19 Symptoms

What to do...

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

When can my child return to school?

Your child can return to school after 10 days, if they are well enough, even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. Symptoms can last for several weeks.

Your child tests positive for COVID-19

What to do...

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self isolate for at least 10 days as advised by PHU

When can my child return to school?

Your child can return to school after 10 days, if they are well enough, even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. Symptoms can last for several weeks.

Somebody in my household has COVID-19 Symptoms

What to do...

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

When can my child return to school?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they have not been advised to self isolate by PHU Contact Tracing Service.

Somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19

What to do...

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

When can my child return to school?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 10 days of self isolation without any symptoms.

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Pate's Grammar School

NURTURING EXCELLENCE



YES OPEN MORNING 2021

You are invited to a student-led tour of Pate's Grammar School and a presentation by Russell Elliott, Head Master. This will be an opportunity to see the school on a working day, meet staff, ask any questions and find out more about the entrance test. Booking is essential (via the school website). Please be assured that reasonable safety precautions will be made with regard to smaller group sizes and social distancing. We ask that family group sizes are kept to a minimum.

DATES OF OPEN MORNING:

Year 5 Open Morning Monday 28th June 2021

Year 5 Open Morning Friday 2nd July 2021

Year 6 Open Morning on Thursday 9th September 2021

THE SUNDAY TIMES
SCHOOLS GUIDE 2020
STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Pate's has a strong academic tradition and has, for a number of years, upheld its position as the number one co-educational school in the UK.

Telephone 01452 523 169
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Principals Elizabeth Vile, Cheltenham, GL51 0HG

School office: office@psgs.org
Self-referral office: admissions@psgs.org
Admissions office: admissions@psgs.org

Ofsted
Outstanding



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have asked the headteacher of your child's primary school to forward this letter to you as someone whose child is in Year 5 and eligible for Pupil Premium. We would like to make you aware of the support that we are able to offer, should you be thinking about entering your child for the grammar school entrance test.

To be allocated a place at grammar school, students sit an entrance test in the Autumn Term of Year 6 and need to gain a qualifying score. Pupil Premium students who meet the qualifying score get priority when allocating students their grammar school of choice. We would like to make this process as straightforward as possible to support your child.

The most important thing to do at this stage would be to register your child for the entrance test. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 12 noon**. The online registration form can be found in the Admissions section of the websites of any of the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools, which are listed at the bottom of the attached flyer. Once you register, we can support you through the process.

There are familiarisation materials available on the websites of each of the grammar schools. We also have online materials that are exclusively for Pupil Premium students as part of our commitment to widen access. Each grammar school will hold a summer session for Pupil Premium students before the entrance test to offer support with these materials and familiarise them with the school.

Sitting the entrance test does not prevent you choosing another school to send your child to for their secondary education and where you register your child to sit the test does not limit you to that particular school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the Admissions Officers at any of the grammar schools.

Yours faithfully,

Peter John

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On behalf of the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools