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Dear families of Gainsborough

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Welcome back! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break. We have and we have been working hard to give you a great start to the new term. I am writing to outline some changes to school life to keep you updated.

As you are aware we received our OFSTED report at the very end of term. We were delighted with a 'Good' result and we are well on our way to becoming an 'Outstanding' school. Our targets are to improve the reading culture of the school, and to improve the attendance for some groups of children.

We are now a 2 form entry school in all years except year 3 which is still 3 form. This gives us more space and suits our building much more. We are really happy to have more group rooms for children to work in small groups, a library and ICT suite and we look forward to showing off our new spaces this term.

Scaffolding

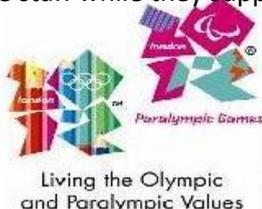
During the Summer term we had some 'tap testing' completed. Over the summer further surveys and testing was carried to determine the needs of the building. Hackney Council have agreed to fund repair works to the brickwork and redecorate the windows. We will also take this opportunity to look at the works needed to ensure our school roof does not leak and the brickwork and turrets are restored. This work is needed and we are likely to have the scaffolding up for this term. Below are some of the safety precautions that have been put in place to ensure the children are safe:

- Fans have been fitted to the scaffolding to ensure nothing can fall off
- Scaffolding to be Harris fenced at every point. Doorways and stairways to have returned Harris fencing and still be operational
- Safeguarding procedures are in place for contractors and visitors as we would for any visit to school
- Caretaker to walk entrance and exits at 8.30am every day
- Assembly's and briefings will be used to discuss the use of the building with the staff and children
- PE will take place in the halls, ball cage or playing fields
- Daily communication between the contractors and staff will take place
- Gates only to be opened at 8.40am and soft start supervisors in playgrounds at 8.45am to supervise children.

If you have any concerns please come and speak to me on the school gate or via the office.

Office Staff

We have some new staff in the office at Gainsborough. Fatima Aziz, Office Administrator, Janet Essel – Finance Officer and Hena Miah- Office Administrator. The posts are to cover maternity posts and the Finance Officer is a permanent role. Please be patient with the office staff while they support you.



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Learning Log

If your child in Year's 1-6 they will bring home a learning log this week. This has current information for the start of term about term dates, school timetables, layout, prices and dates. The logs are for recording summaries of what the children read at home. We will teach the children how to complete these this term. Please sign the home/ school agreement with your child this week. The class teacher will also sign this.

Parent Notice Board

In the front office we have a new parent info board which will reinforce daily, weekly and half termly updates. It will also share our greatest achievements. We hope it will help keep parents informed and up to date. We have also relocated all the usual forms parents need to be kept on the wall in the office.

ICT Suite

We have a new ICT suite. This will help child have better access to IT teaching. Please come to our parents in class events in week 2 and 3 which will all be held in the IT suite to launch it.

Breakfast Club and Play Centre

Please complete applications forms for these, via the office, if you need additional child care. These will both now be held on the ground floor in the 'Green Room.' This is to improve supervision, parent and office access to the room at pick up and drop off and means the children can also access the ICT suite as part of these clubs.

We are starting to plan our new playground! We hope to reinstate the outside toilets

If there are any teething problems in the first few weeks of term then please do speak to your child's class teacher, Assistant Head or learning mentor. My self and Rachael Alexander-Gordan, Deputy Head, are available via the gates or the office. We look forward to an exciting term!

Kind regards

Jenna Clark

Executive Headteacher

