

With Winter fast approaching, the school nursing team will be coming into school in November to administer the flu nasal spray for children from Reception to Year 6. Information relating to this will be sent out in the near future. Please ensure consent forms are completed and returned to the school office no later than the 22nd October 2021.

School 'Census Day' will be taking place on **Thursday 7th October**. We have a special lunch menu, so we kindly ask for parents to encourage their children to have a school dinner on this day. The census day menu will be displayed on the school website. All menus can be found in the 'School Life' section of the new website, under 'Essential Information'.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing the children on Monday morning.

Mrs Bridgwood
Headteacher

Dates to Remember!

School Closures:

- Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October
- Inset days: Friday 26th November and Friday 10th December
- Term ends: Friday 17th December

For Early Help/Safeguarding concerns:

Walsall Children's
Services:

0800 555 2866

www.mywalsall.org

Child Line: 0800 1111

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Important Information!

Goldsmith Primary Academy will be sharing all school communications through the ParentMail app. **It is important that parents/carers download and install the app to receive updates and information from school.** If you are struggling with the app, please call the office and we will do our best to assist you.



Attendance!

All children in our school should aim for 100% attendance. However, we do know that sometimes this is an unachievable target due to unexpected illness which requires you to be absent from school. This is why we ask that all pupils aim to at least achieve a minimum of 97% attendance. Over the course of an academic year 97% attendance will give our pupils the best opportunity to maximise their achievements. If attendance falls below 97%, it can have a significant impact on the number of lessons that a pupil misses, which will then reduce their academic progress and social skills. All pupils' attendance in our school is monitored closely and part of my role as an Attendance and Welfare Officer is to help children achieve the best they can by supporting our pupils to overcome any barriers that may prevent them from coming to school. If a pupils attendance starts to decline (no matter what percentage their attendance is) or falls below 95% parents will be invited into school to discuss in greater detail. Please refer to our school attendance policy for our full attendance procedure ([Attendance Policy](#)). If you wish to discuss your child's school attendance please feel free to contact Mrs Moran.

Lateness!

Lateness has a significant impact on the children's learning as they miss vital classroom time where instructions and teacher input is missed.

As well as having outstanding attendance please ensure your child arrives at school on time and avoid bringing them via the main office as this can sometimes delay when they arrive to class as we are a large site we have to wait for a staff member to be available to take any children that are late to class.



We understand that some mornings do not go to plan and you anticipate that you are going to be late. Please let Mrs Moran or the main office know so we can plan to support any missed learning when the pupil does arrive.

Medical Reminder!

If you believe your child requires a medical care plan to help support their medical needs while they are in school please speak to Mrs Moran.



If your child requires use of an inhaler while in school and they require the inhaler more than stated on the label (as and when required) for example, more puffs following an illness or on doctors advice. Parents will need to complete a medication form at the main office to ensure all instructions are documented in the correct manner. Please note, we can only administer inhalers as directed on the label or as instructed on the medical sheet. If your child does not appear to need their inhaler while in school and we do not have a medical sheet or an up to date Asthma plan stating additional administration instructions the inhaler will not be administered as it is not deemed necessary at that moment.

Medical Appointments!

Where possible we ask parents to schedule all medical appointments outside of school. If this is not possible please try to arrange during late afternoon so your child can attend most of the school before having to attend their appointment. If you can only get a mid morning or mid day appointment we request that pupils come into school before and after their appointment to maximise their learning for that day.



E-Safety Announcements!

Please read the latest e-safety announcement in regards to social media scams. Stay safe and don't get caught out.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ...

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment; the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you are redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoKloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.

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Our Goldsmith pastoral team are once again working closely with 'Help Make Tummies Full'. This wonderful charity helps provide support to families who need it most. Please contact Mrs Taylor and she will do her best to assist you further, or contact 'Help Make Tummies Full' directly through their Facebook page.

With Christmas approaching, if you feel you need a Christmas hamper, please let Mrs Taylor know.



Y6 Transfer to Secondary School!

All year 6 children will be coming home this evening with information regarding transferring to secondary school. **You must apply for a secondary school place for your child by the 31st October 2021.** This is an online application, please follow the link: [Apply for a secondary school place](#)

If you require assistance with this application please contact Mrs Taylor and she will be able to assist you further.

School Website!

If you haven't noticed, Goldsmith has a new website. Please take your time to visit the site to make yourself familiar with the new layout. <https://www.goldsmithprimary.org.uk/>

Have a great weekend!