



COVID19 - reminder

The Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March.

Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

Remote learning live lessons

We have had some wonderful live sessions this week and are looking forward to every class being able to join in on the week after half term. If it your child's first opportunity look out for an email from school which provides an Acceptable User Policy for you to read and sign. Following that usernames and passwords will be distributed to allow them access.

Please, please do not worry if these sessions do not fit in with your family day, routines or needs. They are not compulsory and are there to compliment the remote learning activities set on your child's class page.

Our main concern is your health and well-being.

Live session timetable

Reception	1pm Tuesday catchup	1pm Friday - storytime	
Year 1	11.15am Wednesday catchup	2pm Thursday - storytime	
Year 2	11.15am Tuesday catchup	1pm Thursday - storytime	
Year 3	10.15am Wednesday - English	10.15am Thursday - Maths	
Year 4	9.15am Wednesday - English	9.15am Thursday - Maths	
Year 5	9.15am Monday - English	9.15am Tuesday - Maths	9.15am Friday catchup
Year 6	10.15am Monday - English	10.15am Tuesday - Maths	10.15am Friday catchup

Message from Alice Wiseman - Director of Public Health Gateshead Council

Thank you. It's not easy fighting Covid and I'm very conscious of the sacrifices you and your family have been making for almost 12 months. In Gateshead, numbers are reducing but they aren't going down as fast as I hoped. Our NHS is still under pressure and, sadly, some families have paid the ultimate price.

The rollout of the vaccination programme is progressing well and many of our most at-risk residents have been provided with some individual protection. Alongside the vaccination role out, as we move into spring, we will have the seasons in our favour too and this provides me with cautious optimism.

I know we have asked a lot but I'm asking you for another big push. For now it's critical that we continue to follow the guidance which includes staying at home except for essential travel, washing your hands regularly, wearing a face covering, maintaining a 2-metre distance from others and not leaving your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a support bubble with.

Finally

Have a wonderful half term everyone! We will return to school on Monday 22nd February for key worker and vulnerable pupils and we will return digitally to the rest of our families. We look forward to warmer, brighter days where we can all be together again.