



# Gomer Junior School- Useful Information

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Dear Parents

We have settled in really well to the new academic year and are very proud of the children. Please find enclosed some information that you may find useful – particularly our new parents to Year 3. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Many thanks

Craig Williams

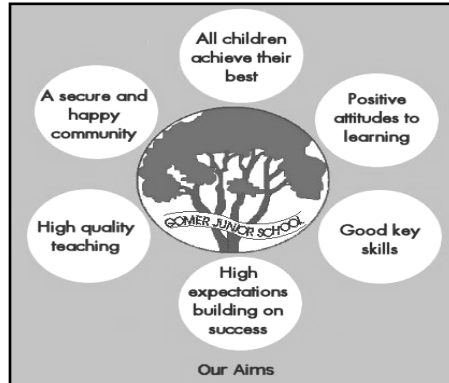
We endeavour to **encourage, support and challenge all children to achieve their best.** However this can only be achieved by working in open partnership with you. Please help your child as much as you can with their homework and by supporting our community events.

## Safety

Please **do not** use the car park for dropping off children. Your children's safety is paramount to us!

Thank you for reporting to the school office if you wish to see a member of staff. It is vitally important that your children are as safe as possible whilst at school.

**All adults should use the front entrance. Please avoid walking through the car park.**



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## Extra-curricular Activities

A wide range of activities are offered to children at different times during the school year. A timetable for all of these will be in every classroom for children. Some of our clubs are run by sports coaches and are priced individually. At present we offer judo (Tuesdays 8.00 – 8.45), karate (Fridays 8.00 – 8.45) and tennis (Fridays 3.30 – 4.15). If your child would like to have a free trial judo lesson they are most welcome.

If you have any contacts with local clubs that may benefit the children at Gomer Junior School please contact me. Similarly if you are able to help with any clubs at the school, we would be delighted to hear from you!

## Money

Please always send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front. Please also state clearly what the money is for.

School dinners are £1.90 per day. Cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council. The office staff would really appreciate it if dinner money could be sent in on Mondays and any other money on Tuesdays. Thank you.

## Child/Teacher Consultations

In addition to 'Meet the Teacher' there is an opportunity for your child to discuss targets with their teacher. You will also be invited to attend the consultations which will be scheduled for November.

## SATS and QCA Tests

SATs - Week commencing Monday 11 May 2009.

QCA - Tests for Years 3, 4 and 5 will be between Tuesday 5 May → Friday 15 May 2009.

**NO LEAVE OF ABSENCES WILL BE AUTHORISED DURING THIS PERIOD**





### **Welfare**

Please keep us informed of medical or other information that might affect your child in school; this will be handled sensitively and with appropriate confidentiality. Please also update us on changes to contact details.

### **Medicines in School**

A reminder that all medicines brought into school should be authorised by a medical form available from the school office.

There are three main parts to our policy:

1. Prescription Medicines: We will accept responsibility for these if they really need to be taken in school. Medicines must be in an appropriate container, with your child's name clearly marked. By the second day of administering we need a completed consent form. We will accept a note from you on day one.
2. Asthma Inhalers: Children look after these themselves and are responsible for using them when appropriate. Please make sure your child has his/her inhaler every day and that they have their name on them.

If your child has an inhaler in school you should complete a medicine consent form which the office will send you on request. To help update our records please request a new form from the school office even if you have previously filled a form in.

3. Non-prescription medicines: We cannot accept responsibility for these and they should not be sent into school. This includes throat lozenges/cough sweets etc. unless there are special circumstances and permission has been requested.

### **Homework Policy**

**Reading:** Please ensure your child reads at least five times a week for 15 minutes. If your child is a fluent reader he/she would still benefit from discussing the literature with you. Your child should update their reading card and we would be grateful if you could sign it weekly. The card should always be kept in the reading book bags.

**Writing:** A short weekly task will be set in homework books. The tasks will focus on spelling, vocabulary or grammar.

**Mathematics:** Each week your child should spend short periods of time developing their rapid recall of number facts. Please refer to the termly mental mathematics sheets. A short weekly homework task will normally be set.

The children may also be set tasks that link to literacy, numeracy or topic work.

In Year 6 a piece of maths and English homework will be set each week. This should take no longer than 30 minutes. Sometimes the children may have to carry out research for a topic. In the spring term there will be two pieces of homework each week.

### **Merits**

Your child has a Reading and Reward Record , which should always be kept in their book bag. This will give you an indication of their behaviour and attitude. Your child should bring home their updated record for you to see every Friday. You should find that he/she has earned a weekly merit and possibly one or two extra merits. Please praise them for their success. Certificates are earned for every 10 merits. Children should be able to achieve a special 50 merit certificate by the end of the Summer Term.

If your child does not get a merit this is cause for concern. If this happens more than once in a half term please contact the class teacher to discuss the behaviour that is inappropriate.

If your child is being very disruptive he/she will be referred to me and I will contact you.

### **Art Apron**

Please could you ensure your child has an art apron in school; an old shirt is fine!

### **School Uniform**

Your support in promoting high standards is appreciated. School shoes should be black and suitable for the school environment; high heels or trainers are not appropriate.

### **Jewellery**

Children should not wear any jewellery apart from one or a pair of plain stud earrings in pierced ears. For safety reasons these must be removed or taped for P.E. lessons.

### **P.E. Kit**

Please ensure the children have their P.E. kit in school at the start of the week. As cloakroom space is extremely limited drawstring bags are ideal. For indoor PE the children need a plain red top, and plain white shorts. Trainers and a tracksuit/sweatshirt are recommended for outdoor P.E.

### **Valuables**

Children should not bring valuables into school; we cannot take responsibility for such items.

### **Equipment**

One pencil case is adequate! Your child will be given a pencil and pen (once their handwriting is of a suitable standard) each term. After that suitable equipment can be purchased, at cost, from the school stationery shop on Monday playtimes.

Berol Handwriting Pen	20p
Pen with school name on	30p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	10p

Most children prefer to use a rollerball or fountain pen of a better quality. It is also useful if they have a stock of HB pencils and colouring pens/felt tips.

**PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING APART FROM YOUR CHILD!**

### **Healthy Snacks and Water**

As a Healthy School we promote healthy eating at break and lunch times. Fresh or dried fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot, celery or cucumber), crispbreads, breadsticks, rice cakes and low sugar cereal bars are ideal healthy playtime snacks.

We also encourage children to bring in a labelled bottle of water to keep in their classrooms.

The children should **not** bring in sweets or crisps. This is following advice from the Food Standards Agency to reduce the intake of fat, saturated fat, sugar and salt.

**Parental Consent**

To support our broad and balanced curriculum the children have various opportunities during the year to enrich their learning experience by visiting local attractions, working with outside professionals in school etc. Some of these experiences for example may involve going out of school at short notice or children being photographed working. We would like to hold a central base of information at school. Please circle the relevant information below and return to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Child's Name..... Class\_\_\_\_\_

1. I give consent for my child to attend local trips locally in the community. Yes/No
2. I give consent for my child to be photographed and the photos used in school. Yes/No
3. I give consent for my child to be photographed and published in local newspapers. Yes/No
4. I give consent for my child to be videoed for school use only. Yes/No
5. I give consent for my child to be photographed/videoed and used on educational websites.  
Yes/No
6. I am able to offer help in school. Yes/No

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Date\_\_\_\_\_