



LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Little Gonerby families,

We would like to share some highlights of the term so far and some key updates regarding some premises improvements that are starting in the next two weeks.

Premises improvements

Our school premises are of a great quality and are well-looked after by the school maintenance team, with significant investment to the site over the last few years. However, we are pleased to share that our entire exterior perimeter fences are being replaced & upgraded, along with brand new gates (both pedestrian and for the car park), intercoms and cameras. We are aware that that the pedestrian gate on Sandon Road is causing some challenges at present, so we are sure that you will welcome these improvements. We are grateful to colleagues from across Infinity Academies Trust who supported with the funding bid for these significant improvements.

Due to the size of our school site and the amount of perimeter fencing that we have, this is going to be a big project. Mr Hawkins and Ms Cunningham (Caretaker) have had several meetings already to plan how this work will be carried out safely, particularly as the children will be in school for a vast majority of time that the work is occurring.

Key updates:

- From **16th October**, the Hill Avenue entrance to school will be closed. This is for the duration of the fence improvements and will re-open when all work has been completed. Therefore, all families will need to use the Sandon Road entrance/exit from Thursday 16th October.
- The fencing replacement will then officially begin on 20th October.
- New 2m fencing will be installed around the school, replacing the red fencing.
- There will be electric and manual vehicle & pedestrian gates, a new intercom system and cameras.
- There will also be improvements to the staff car park.
- Our usual safeguarding procedures will remain in place and be a priority.
- For the safety of the children, sections of the fence will be replaced at a time. Whilst sections are being replaced, temporary fence panels will be in place to maintain the safety of the site.
- The works will take place between 7am – 4pm each day.
- This project will last approximately 6-8 weeks.

As the work progresses, we will regularly update families with its progress and estimated completion dates.

This term... so far!

Although we have only been back a few weeks, we have already had many exciting events and opportunities arise for the children. These include:

- National Week of Prayer: along with our other Infinity Academies Trust schools, we took part in the National Week of Prayer. Whilst prayer and reflection is always important to us as a church school, this was a wonderful time to connect with nature, write and share prayers, reflect and grow spiritually.
- School Council elections: after learning about the British value of **Democracy**, we launched our school council elections. The children completed applications, campaigned to their classes, and then voted on who they would like their class representatives to be for this year. Well done to the children who were elected, but also to everyone who showed **hope** by applying.
- Grandparents' coffee morning: our annual **Grandparents' Coffee Morning** was a huge success on Friday 3rd October. It was brilliantly attended and so wonderful to see children spending time with their grandparents. A huge thank you goes to the PTA for supporting this event.
- Parent feedback: hopefully by now you have seen our new **parent voice** displays in the playground. There is also a parent comment box situated in the main office, with feedback slips. We really value the feedback from families and strive to improve every day.



Upcoming diary dates

8 th & 9 th October	Parent's Evening.
10 th October	Hello Yellow – wear yellow for World Mental Health day. 2:15pm Parent event for Hello Yellow day.
16 th October	Nasal flu spray.
17 th October	Year 2 Harvest Class Assembly (9:00am) – Y2 families invited to watch.
20 th October	CHANGE OF DATE : Individual school photographs.
21 st October	NEW : Quiz night to raise money for school football kits. See ParentHub from 2 nd October or posters around school for more information.
23rd October	End of Term 1.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Hawkins
Headteacher