



19th June 2020

Dear all,
I hope you are well and above all safe.

The unusual times continue however for some there is a little normality in school. Of course we welcomed back some Year 6 and Year 1 children last week and this has been very successful indeed. The keyworker children groups also are in school so most of the classrooms, given the social distancing measures, are full. We are calling them 'Bubbles' and all children and staff are seemingly happy in their Bubble with many happy smiling faces and a little relief at the opportunity to feel a little of the new normal!

I do hope, for all of you at home, that you are well and as happy as can be expected. We have staff working hard getting in contact with you and checking your families are ok. Of course as always we are here to help where we can and please raise any request, no matter how small, as we will do all we can to help out.

We do miss everyone and look forward to a normal again!

Making it into our local newspaper

Did you see the newspaper this week? Yet again Gateway Academy hits the headlines. Well done to our returning children and staff for following the rules and regimes. They are there to keep us all safe and despite this and the worries of the return to school in the present circumstances, there have been many smiles and great sunshine days!

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'I thought pupils had forgotten about us'

The year six pupils at Blackpool's Gateway Academy will be the first to complete their entire primary education at the school. **Sonia Astbury** hears how staff were pleasantly surprised at how keen the children were to return to the classroom.

While arguments rage over when children should return to school, a group of pupils in Blackpool are determined not to let the coronavirus pandemic affect their return to the classroom. The year six pupils at Gateway Academy in Blackpool are back in class, and making the most of it. The return to school marked the end of the summer holidays, the first part of the first reception cohort to enter the doors at Gateway Academy back in September 2020.



Now they are among the first to see and hear directly from the school. The return to school was a relief for the pupils, as they were able to finish their primary education in one go. The return to school was a relief for the pupils, as they were able to finish their primary education in one go.

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Congratulations Stanley and Mrs Riley for passing their final exam. Gateway are very proud of all your hard work.

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New Reception Starters
From next week we are able to offer a limited amount of one hour sessions for our September 2020 Reception starters. These sessions will give you and your child an opportunity to visit their new classroom and meet with staff. If you would like to book a session, please message Mrs Balshaw on ClassDojo or contact the school office.
We look forward to seeing you soon.
School uniform is now available online to purchase https://myclothing.com/ueslink/26996.school?i=15917868910_09

