

GAPS



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Facebook

Please add yourself to our Facebook group - Abington Community Out of School Club (GAPS) to keep up to date with what is happening at GAPS.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/284263045268323/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Fundraising

Please see our website for easy ways to help us to fundraise - links to Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

<http://www.abington-annexe.org/donations-to-gaps/>

Spaces at GAPS

I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to accept casual bookings for most sessions. These should be booked 24 hours in advance unless it is an emergency. Please contact us by e mail to allow us to confirm the booking with you.

We also have spaces for regular booking for most sessions. Regular bookings can be changed each half term but extras can be added at any stage of the year.

From the Committee

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who have responded about the committee and joined in the meetings over the past month. It is very reassuring to know that you have the best interests at heart for Pre School and GAPS and are willing to help us keep running.

All help is greatly appreciated, from joining the committee through to volunteering for DIY, or just looking out for bargains/freebies for Pre School/GAPS. If you see any toys or equipment, old laptops or other IT equipment you think may be of use to the setting, please ask.

We are looking forward to maybe being able to do some face to face fundraising events later in the year, so if you feel you could help out with anything, or have any ideas, give us a shout!

Thanks again, Ruth

Return to GAPS after Easter

As we move into the next phase of our easing of lockdown, we are also making a few changes at GAPS too.

We will be remaining in our separate bubbles, almost the same as before Easter :-
Yellow - Preschool

Green 1 - Class 1

Green 2 - Class 2

Red - Class 3 and 4 (separated when inside)

Blue - Class 5

The reason for the separate green bubbles is that we are moving areas around within the building to accommodate increasing numbers from these classes to give the children maximum space available.

We will be spending as much time as possible outside so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing (and, dare I say it, suncream?) for the weather. We will not be providing suncream at GAPS this year.

From 13th April, we will be making breakfast available for children attending before school. This will be served in their individual bubbles.

Competition

<https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?l=en-GB>

We have signed up for Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition :-

We are delighted to invite your school to participate in this national art competition from Royal Mail, to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. All children aged 4 - 14 years can take part.

Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set, and one could be at your school!

We are asking children to think of the heroes who have continued to work tirelessly to keep the country moving during the pandemic - and to keep us all safe. Their designs could be of NHS frontline workers, school teachers or support staff, supermarket workers, delivery drivers. Or perhaps it could be of public transport workers, military personnel, emergency services, foodbank volunteers or cleaners. Or maybe Captain Sir Tom Moore. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen, before they are printed and issued. In addition to the eight winning stamps, the winners will receive up to £1,000 in high street vouchers and their schools will each receive up to £1,000 in cash. There are 120 great prizes on offer for area winners and runners up, in both the 4-11 and 12-14 years age categories.

Arrivals and Collections from GAPS

Before arriving at Breakfast Club

Check the health of your child(ren) before leaving home - this is vital and will support everyone to feel more confident about the whole process of keeping safe.

If in doubt, seek medical advice and do not attend the site please.

Arriving at Breakfast Club

- Entry will be via the usual gate into the playground.
- Please do not enter the playground before 7.40.
- Keep your child with you as you walk across the playground.
- Please do not let your children play on the equipment.
- Bring your child to the Annexe front door
- When you reach the door, please ring the bell. A member of staff will come out to collect your child(ren).
- Please ensure social distancing from other families whilst waiting to be let in.

Collecting from After School Club

- If the gate is unlocked, please walk over to the Annexe and ring the doorbell. A member of staff will answer and arrange for your child to come out to you.
- If the gate is locked, please ring the buzzer on the gate. We will let you in and arrange for your child to be ready for you to collect from the Annexe.
- Please ensure social distancing from other families whilst waiting for your child to be brought out.
- Once you have collected your child, please leave the playground.
- Playground equipment should not be used by children after being collected.

If we are playing outside, please wait outside the gate and a member of staff will bring your child over to you with their things

Preschool, Class 1 and Class 2 children should be collected from the Annexe front door please.

Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 children should be collected from the Preschool gate please.

Please note, we will not be allowing parents or siblings into the building at this time.

Illness

- If your child has any of the following symptoms:- cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell, your family will have to self-isolate for 14 days, in accordance with government guidelines.
- If your child develops any Covid 19 symptoms during the session, a member of staff wearing PPE will isolate with your child in the Primary School Values Room and you will be contacted to come and collect your child immediately.