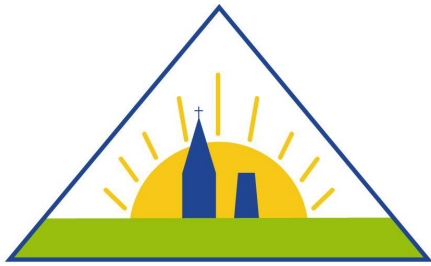


## The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



**Gedney Hill CoE Primary School**

**Our Vision is** to provide all members of the school community with the opportunities to engage with 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) by igniting imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning.



**Shepeau Stow Primary School**

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Dear Parents & Carers

A very warm welcome back to school. We are also welcoming all our new starters across both schools this week.

I hope you have all been able to spend some time with family and friends over the summer. It has been lovely to see many of our pupils playing out and enjoying the sunshine when I have been on site at both schools.

This term we also welcome Mrs Waterston to Swallows at Gedney Hill and Mr Collin to Eagles at Shepeau Stow.

Mrs Beale will continue in her role as Head of School at Shepeau Stow with me based at Gedney Hill most days. Mrs Johal will be teaching Puffins class at Shepeau Stow two days per week to enable Mrs Beale to fulfil her Head of School role. Mrs Johal is a very experienced teacher and has spent many years teaching Early Years and KS1. I am usually onsite at Shepeau Stow on Thursdays.

Topic letters will be coming out from your child's class later on this week.

### **PE days**

Gedney Hill PE is Friday and taught by Mr Barron

Shepeau Stow is Thursday for Eagles and Woodpeckers. Puffins will have PE on Wednesdays.

### **Reminders**

Friday catch ups are sent out and put on the website weekly with important updates on. Please read them. We don't post everything on social media. The school calendar is also on the website.

Children need to remove earrings for PE – we do not apply tape. Children in Y4 and 5 will be swimming every Monday. Swimming is part of the national curriculum and not optional. We do ask for a voluntary donation to help to cover the cost of the bus.

If your child is absent please call school or email to the enquiries email address. If we do not hear from you we will continue to try and then do a safe and well check if we don't know where a child is.

### **Mobile phones**

We ask that mobile phones are not used on site, this includes on the playground. If older children are bringing a mobile phone into school because of their travel arrangements they have to be handed in to the school office and collected at the end of the day.

## **Food in School**

If your child is coming to Early Birds or Night Owls we ask that they don't bring their own food. We provide a menu that is on our website. Should your child have any allergies or intolerances please let us know and we can work with you to ensure we are providing the correct food and drink for them.

As we have members of our school community with a nut allergy please do not send nuts into school with your child. It is very difficult for us to monitor food sent in.

If your child brings grapes into school they should be pre-chopped. We do not have staffing levels to do this for them and grapes do present a choking hazard.

## **Attendance**

Information is coming out in a separate email with all the new guidance information for attendance.

## **Parent Consultations**

Within the next two weeks you will receive details to book your appointment with your child's teacher. Please do not misplace your login details as these will be personal to you and we don't have them. There will be an option for online consultations for those who can't attend in person.

Shepeau Stow will be 1<sup>st</sup> October

Gedney Hill will be 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We are always happy to talk to you about your child but if you need to speak to a teacher it is usually easier at the end of the school day as mornings are very busy. Messages can be left at the office in the mornings.

In school we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with lots of activities already planned to support learning.

Yours sincerely

Alison Buddle

Executive Headteacher