



# GODSHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school in September. Many of the children have not been in school since 20<sup>th</sup> March and we are very aware that will affect each of them in different ways. Many will be excited at the prospect of returning to school and spending more time with their friends, but it may also be a very emotional and anxious time for others, and of course you as parents. As a school we will be focussing on supporting the children and their families to settle back into school life, building confidence and resilience in order for them to continue to thrive.

Understandably, many of you may still have concerns and questions regarding the continuing situation, but we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of our ongoing safety measures following government guidelines.

We will be taking one step at a time with the children's transition back into school to help make it as smooth as possible for them. We will keep you updated on any changes and thank you for your patience, and continued understanding during this new start to a very different school Year.

## **Bubbles:**

- Classrooms have been organised to support social distancing, but it will not be possible to maintain social distancing in Early Years and Key Stage 1. (We are following guidance as set out in the DfE guidance, to ensure we keep the children as safe as possible.)
- Children will be based in their class bubbles throughout the day, which includes breaks and lunch times, which will be scheduled at different times, or in different spaces for each bubble.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom or outside (weather permitting).
- Children will not be moving around freely. Each bubble will have their own classroom, outside space and toilet, which only they will use.
- In Years 1 to 6, each child will have their own stationery pack and resources at their desks.
- We will endeavour to use the school grounds as much as possible to maximise learning opportunities.



## **Hygiene**

- Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Each bubble will have its own cleaning kit to wipe down surfaces and equipment regularly through the day.
- The school will be cleaned both during school hours and at the end of each day.
- Staff will not be wearing PPE unless dealing with intimate care or specific types of first aid.
- Each bubble will have their own handwashing arrangements and facilities.
- Toilet facilities will be monitored and cleaned regularly.
- Any child showing signs of illness will be isolated and parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately.

## **COVID-19 and Government Guidance:**

Please do remember, that although the school is opening to all pupils and the Government has eased restrictions, we **all** do need to adhere to the guidelines regarding Coronavirus COVID-19 symptoms and self-isolation. The most important symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of any of the following:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature,
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If a pupil has symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started and arrange to have a test.

If a member of your household has symptoms then the whole household must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14 day period starts from the day their test was taken.

Full details relating to the Government guidance and getting a test can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

## **Start of Term Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Development day where only staff will be in school.
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Development day where only staff will be in school.
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** Nursery and Year 1 to Year 6 start school.
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Reception class start their phased entry into school.

## **Travelling to school:**

Where practicable, walking or cycling to school is advised. Otherwise, please follow the Government guidelines on travelling safely and be mindful of social distancing when arriving at school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

If you need to wear a facemask whilst travelling to school, please remember to take this home with you as they are not currently permitted in school.

## **Where to drop off and collect:**

We ask that you drop your child at the correct designated entrance, where they will be met by a member of staff so that we can minimise crossover of bubbles. These will also be the locations where your children will come out at home time.

**No** adults, other than staff, will be allowed on the school site without permission from the Senior Leadership Team, **including at the office**. If you need to communicate with us, please email or phone the school office.

Please note the staggered start and finish times for different classes. This is to help avoid overcrowding at the front of the school. We are asking that just one parent drops off and collects the children and leaves promptly to help ease the use of the space at the front of the school.

The one way system at the front of the school will continue to be in place. Please make sure that you follow the route and adhere to Government guidance on social distancing.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
	Marie Seaman Lesley O'Sullivan Katie McKenzie Alana Farrell	Mrs Smith, Mrs Sargent, Miss De'ath	Mr Knight Mrs Whitewood	Mrs Westhorpe, Mrs Tombleson, Mrs Brayford, Mr Palmer	Mrs Boakes, Miss Chapman Mrs Sargent	Mr Smith Mrs Mannix
<i>Start Time</i>	8:50	8:55	8:55	8:55	8:45	8:45
<i>Drop Off:</i>	At the Nursery and Reception entrance gate. where you will be met by a member of staff and brought back here on collection	At the front gate by the right-hand side of the school when you face it. Children will go round the side of the school to access their class.	Through the main front entrance of the school where they will go straight to their class.	Through the front gate by the right-hand side of the school when you face it and up the steps into class.		
	A member of staff will be at the gate					
<i>End Time</i>	2:50	3:00	3:00	3:00	2:50	2:50
<i>Collection:</i>	Children will come out of school through the same door / gate as they entered the school premises.					If children are walking to and from school independently, please remind them about doing so with social distancing in mind.

### Lunches:

- The school will only be offering school packed lunches (filled baguettes) in the first instance.
  - From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September Year 1 to 6 are able to opt for hot snacks in their packed lunch. Please see menu attached, on our website & our Facebook page.  
*We will endeavour to keep you informed of what these options will be and any changes to the school dinner availability.*
- Please remember if you are sending in packed lunches that we are a nut and citrus aware school due to severe allergies within school and we request that products with these in are not included in lunch boxes.
- There will **not** be any toast available as snack initially, so children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time, if you choose.

### **What to bring in to school:**

- Water bottle – pre-filled
- Snack (if required)
- Lunch (if not having a school packed lunch)
- *No other personal belongings should be brought into school e.g. pencil cases, book bags, toys etc. unless directed to do so.*

### **Uniform and What to Wear:**

- Children are expected to wear their full school uniform into school.
  - *All items need to be clearly labelled.*
- The uniform list can be seen on the school website with links to the suppliers:  
<https://www.godshillprimaryschool.co.uk/about.aspx>
- On PE days children will need to wear their PE kit into school, as currently the children will not be changing in school. This will be on a Wednesday for the whole school and classes will be informed by their class teacher if it is needed on another school day.
- PE Kits do **not** presently need to be brought into school.

### **Breakfast Club and After School - Funzone Provision:**

- Breakfast and after school provision will be available for parents and carers who have no other available provision.
- Breakfast Club begins at 8:00am and drop off must be at this time due to current circumstances.
- After school club provision is until 4pm and if there is enough need, will continue until 5pm.
- This is limited in the first instance due to current circumstances, but we will endeavour to provide as much support as possible for any parents that need this facility.
- If you require breakfast and after school provision, we would ask you to contact the school office for weekly bookings and book a week in advance. We will keep you updated of any changes to these arrangements.
- Any drop off and collection for Breakfast Club and Funzone will be at the main front entrance.  
  
September 2020 Prices:
  - Breakfast Club will now be £3 per session.
  - Afterschool club will now be £5 for the first hour and £2.50 for each half hour thereafter.

We look forward to welcoming you back.

Kind Regards

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