



# GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Happy New Year!

I would like to start by wishing you all a happy new year! I hope that you have managed to celebrate Christmas and New Year in the best possible way, given the local lockdowns that occurred as we broke up at the end of the last term. I hope that 2021 brings happiness and opportunities to us all.

We are really lucky to welcome Mrs Leadbetter back from her maternity leave this term. She will be teaching Year 5 and leading on the development of our new curriculum along with English. Mr Dunford will be joining our team to teach Year 1 whilst also leading on Maths development. Lastly, Mrs Earnshaw will be joining Miss Millington in Year 2, two days a week. She is an experienced teacher with a wealth of knowledge.

## Collecting your child at the end of the school day

All children need to be collected, at the end of the school day, by a person who is over 16 years of age. If an adult collects your child who is not known to school staff, then please put this as a note in your child's home link book or tell the teacher via email or class dojo. If we are unsure of any of the above then we will send your child to the school office and contact you regarding the situation. Our first priority is safeguarding your children.

As the Spring Term commences we have lots of exciting plans, however we must keep ourselves COVID safe at all times so that we are able to keep the school fully functioning. At the end of the last term, we had eight positive COVID-19 cases, across children and staff, in our Year 3 cohort. We were extremely fortunate that this didn't occur any earlier in the academic year as it could have had a large impact on our ability to keep all classes open. With this in mind, there is lots that you can do to support the school:

- Follow the school's **one way system** at drop off and pick up times
- **Drop your child off** to school at their allotted time
- **Pick your child up** from school at their allotted time
- Do not stand **outside the school premises** talking with other adults
- Do not enter the **school office** unless invited in
- **Communicate** with staff virtually, by email, virtual meeting or telephone, where possible
- Only have **one adult** drop off or pick up your child



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I would like to thank all parents who already follow these procedures as you are helping the children to enter a safe learning environment. However, we will have a zero tolerance approach to any adult on the school premises who does not follow these rules. Failure to comply, may result in the person in question being asked to collect their children at a time separate from others or a stricter entry and drop off routine, for all, at the beginning and end of each day.

Whilst we do not want to enforce all of these measures, we were concerned how quickly the COVID-19 strain spread at the end of last term throughout our Year 3 cohort, and our main priority is to keep all children safe. In addition, we expect that all adults on the school site will wear a **face mask**.

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

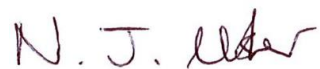
If your child develops symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/or-you-can-book> a COVID-19 test using <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Nick Usher**  
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