



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the return of all children to school on Monday, I thought it prudent to send a letter reminding parents of the processes that we have put in place. Listed below are some of the key pieces of information that you are going to need to know and mirrors closely my letter from last week.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all children of compulsory school age from Monday 8th March. The usual rules on school attendance will apply and we will use our usual sanctions for those who do not attend school.

We understand that a small number of children will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate because they:

- have symptoms or have had a positive test result
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 symptoms

Children, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

In the event that a parent or carer insists on a child with symptoms attending school, we may take the decision to refuse the pupil if we deem it is necessary to protect the rest of the children and staff from possible infection with coronavirus (COVID-19).

Staggered start and finish times

Listed below is the full timetable for staggered start and finish times:

Nursery – 8.45am – 2.45pm (Nursery Door)
Reception – 8.40am – 3pm (Reception gate)
Year 1 – 8.50am – 3.10pm (Reception gate)
Year 2 – 8.40am – 3.05pm (Main gate)
Year 3 – 8.45am – 3.10pm (Main gate)
Year 4 – 8.50am – 3.15pm (Main gate)
Year 5 – 8.55am – 3.20pm (Main gate)
Year 6 – 9am – 3.25pm (Main gate)



Inspirational Learning for Life



Only one parent or carer is required to pick up or drop off their child to school. This enables us to reduce the number of social interactions that takes place in communal areas.

Each year group has a 'five minute window' to drop off their children starting from the time listed above and pick them up. It is imperative that you stick to your slot. Any parent arriving early will be asked to leave the school site and return at the appropriate designated time. Teachers will be present at the school gates at the start and end of the school day whilst teaching assistants monitor the children in the classroom.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child only brings in essential items, such as, water bottles, packed lunches, coats, home link books to reduce the possibilities of cross contamination. Children may keep certain items in school (e.g. pencil cases). PE kits will not be needed, as children will arrive in school in their PE kit on their designated PE day. Reception will require their PE kits to be in school, and the children will change at school.

Face Coverings

Parents and carers must wear a face covering when dropping their child off at school or collecting them as these are communal areas. Staff will be actively monitoring this and will ask parents to wear a face covering if they enter the school site without one.

If you believe yourself to be exempt from wearing a face covering, then please contact Mr Usher via email – deputy@godstone.surrey.sch.uk we apologise if you are asked to wear a face covering having already emailed Mr Usher, however, staff may not always be aware of all exempt parents.

Parental access to the school site

Parents will be unable to access the office and must make contact via telephone (01883 742326) or email (admin@godstone.surrey.sch.uk). Items that may have been forgotten (i.e. water bottles, pencil cases) will not be able to be dropped off to the school office as we can provide stationery, water, food etc. for the children (however, you will be invoiced for school dinners).

Please try to contact staff via email or telephone as well to reduce the number of face to face interactions throughout the school day.

Multiple Care Providers

We advise parents and carers to limit their use of multiple out-of-school settings, and should as far as possible only be sending their children to one out-of-school setting, in addition to school, in order to minimise mixing. Swans wraparound care would be considered an additional care provider, in addition to school.

Remote education

We will provide remote education to children who need to self-isolate or that are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and are shielding. All children who are not physically unwell will have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, which may be the next school day. Please see our Remote Learning Provision on the school website for further information. There will not be access to live lessons or recorded videos during self-isolation or shielding. Parents will however be signposted to online video content to support learning.

Uniform

We are aware that due to the pandemic, some families have struggled to secure the correct uniform and we want to support you where we can. Please contact Mr Usher via email -

deputy@godstone.surrey.sch.uk - if you are concerned about obtaining uniform. Godstone United Charities have very kindly agreed to work with us, so if you need support, we can pass their contact information on to you.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Nick Usher

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