



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sports Day and Transition Day

Please find enclosed information regarding our upcoming sports day and transition day. When preparing for these important days, we have made decisions that reflect guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) whilst also considering what parents and children would like. With this in mind, this letter has been delayed whilst we awaited the Government announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson, on Tuesday 15th June 2021.

Sports Day

The good news is that the DfE have stated that sports days can go ahead. Therefore, Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 7th July** on Godstone Village Green. In the event of bad weather, we have reserved Wednesday 14th July as a back up.

The timetable for Sports Day is:

Start Time	Year Groups Taking Part
9.15am	3, 4, 5 and 6
12 midday	Nursery
1.10pm	Reception, 1 and 2

On Sports Day, children will need to arrive at school in their Sports Day clothes. Children need to wear a t-shirt, which is the colour of their school house. Therefore, children in Gibbs Brook will wear red; Leigh Mill will wear Yellow; Bay Pond will wear Blue; Stratton Brook will wear Green. Children will be reminded of their house, but if you are unsure, please ask your child's teacher. Children will remain in their sports day clothes throughout the day.

Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before their arrival at school and that they have a sun hat and a named water bottle. As part of our risk assessment, children will sit in zones supervised by staff. The DfE has insisted that children remain in their consistent class 'bubbles' throughout sports day. All sports equipment will be regularly cleaned throughout the day.

In addition, the DfE has asked that all spectators adhere to current social distancing requirements. When considering events that take place outdoors, spectators can gather in separate groups of up to 30. Multiple groups of 30 are permitted for sports days. Therefore, we will set up coned areas for parents and spectators to view their child's sports day.



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You must:

- find a coned area that is designated for your year group;
- only join a coned area if the number of people in that coned area does not exceed 30;
- do not enter the children's area during Sports Day;
- remain socially distanced from other households within your designated area;
- maintain a 2 metre gap from all adults and children in other coned areas;
- inform a member of staff if you are concerned or worried about COVID safety;

Any parents who do not follow the rules for sports day may be asked to leave. In the event of parents persistently breaking rules that have been designed to keep everyone safe, the school may abandon Sports Day. We really want this event to be a success and ask that all spectators cooperate fully to allow this to become a reality.

Transition Day

Transition day will take place on Tuesday 29th June 2021. This is an opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher(s) and teaching assistant(s) for the next academic year. We aim to send a further letter next week, detailing which staff members are being assigned to which class.

We are still awaiting feedback from secondary schools about what this process looks like for our current Year 6 class. In a normal (non-COVID) year, the Year 6 children would spend transition day at their new school. However, with the current COVID restrictions in place, this may not be possible. Whatever the outcome, we have a contingency plan for our Year 6 children if they are unable to attend their secondary school, where the children will attend Godstone Primary and Nursery School as normal. We will communicate the plans to Year 6 parents once the secondary schools make us aware.

The rest of the school will start their school day as normal on transition day. The children will arrive at their normal start time and report to their current class teacher for registration. The teachers will then bring the children to a socially distanced assembly where they can meet their new teacher and spend the day with them in their classrooms. At 3pm, all children will return to their current class teacher to be sent home with their parents or carers.

The Nursery children will be sent a separate letter about their transition visits to Reception. The children who will be remaining in Nursery, or attending a different different school will remain with Mrs Stephens in Nursery on Tuesday 29th June.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Nick Usher
Acting Headteacher