



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th September. Detailed below is some key information about accessing school this term. There will be opportunities for you to meet your child's class teacher in September and I will be delivering a headteacher's talk to give you an overview of some of the exciting projects that we are working on this year. Both meetings, with myself and your child's class teacher, are great opportunities to ask questions and work with the school to make your child's time with us the best it can be. All meetings will be in the school hall, which can be accessed via the white doors from the staff car park. Please find the meeting times and dates listed below:

Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday 6 th September	9am / 3.30pm / 7pm	Headteacher's Presentation
Wednesday 7 th September	9am	Year 5 Presentation
Thursday 8 th September	9am	Year 4 Presentation
Friday 9 th September	9am	Year 2 Presentation
Monday 12 th September	9am	Year 1 Presentation
Tuesday 13 th September	9am	Year 3 Presentation
Wednesday 14 th September	9am	Year 6 Presentation

Start and finish times

Please find the start and finish times for each class listed below:

	Drop off time	Pick up time	Location
Nursery	8.45am	2.45 pm*	Nursery front door
Reception	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.00 pm	Reception side gate
Year 1	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Reception side gate
Year 2	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.15 pm	Main gate
Year 3	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 4	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 5	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 6	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate

*Any late pick-ups will be charged at our normal rate.

Miss Boden will greet the Year 2 children at the main gate on Monday 5th September to support the children's transition into school.



Inspirational Learning for Life



Please remember that Nursery and Reception have a staggered start in September. Please refer to induction letters for further information.

School uniform and PE kits

Every child must wear their school uniform every day. Some children may have alternative school uniform arrangements which has been discussed and approved by the school's leadership team. Every other child is expected to wear their uniform as usual.

PE kits must be worn to school on designated PE days (this does not apply to swimming or after school clubs). Every child is expected to wear the school PE kit, as listed below. Reception class will wear their school uniform every day and change into their PE kit in school, therefore PE kits must be kept at school.

The parents of children who do not wear the appropriate school uniform or PE kit will be contacted by a member of staff.

Please find a uniform list below:

Reception Uniform

- White Polo Shirt (with school logo)
- Black Trousers / Shorts
- Black Skirt / Pinafore
- Knitted V-Neck Jumper or Knitted Cardigan (Green with school logo)
- Black Socks / Tights
- Black Shoes (Formal / Smart)
- Summer Dress (Green and White chequered) and White Socks

PE Kit

- Bottle Green T-shirt (with school logo)
- Black Shorts and Tracksuit Bottoms
- Black Skort
- Plimsolls for indoor PE
- Black or White Trainers for Outdoor PE with matching socks

KS1 and KS2 Uniform

- White Shirt – long or short sleeve
- Green and White Striped Tie (Elasticated/Clip On/Normal)
- Black Trousers / Shorts
- Black Skirt / Pinafore
- Knitted V-Neck Jumper or Knitted Cardigan (Green with school logo)
- Black Socks / Tights
- Black Shoes (Formal / Smart)
- Summer Dress (Green and White chequered) and White Socks

PE Kit

- Bottle Green T-shirt (with school logo)
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Attendance

We cannot stress enough the importance of children attending school regularly. A recent Department for Education study found that *'At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard'*. We believe that attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils.

It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives an education. As parents who have decided to have your child registered at a school, you have an additional legal duty to ensure your child attends our school regularly.

This year, we have set a whole school target of 96.5% attendance throughout the course of the academic year. With this in mind, we will not be authorising any holidays during term time and any child whose attendance falls below 90% will be contacted by myself and the Office Manager.

Home and School Partnership

We feel that your child will be most successful, make the most amount of progress and feel happy when school and home work together effectively. This partnership is important to us, so please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Each year we ask for each class to nominate two parent reps to meet with me half termly to discuss current topics that are relevant to the school's ongoing development. Please organise which parents you would like to represent your child's class and email me if you have been selected.

Following feedback from last year's parent reps, we are alternating the times of our reading and maths sessions. Parents are invited into school to share their child's reading/maths learning. Siblings are welcome but must remain with you at all times and not be allowed to explore the classroom or outside areas. Please find the times and dates below:

- 30th September – Maths Morning (9am-9.30am)
- 17th October – Reading Afternoon (2.30pm-3pm)
- 7th November – Maths Afternoon (2.30pm-3pm)
- 25th November – Reading Morning (9am-9.30am)

As a polite notice, please remember that we do not tolerate any forms of aggression from parents or adults on the school premises towards members of staff. Anyone presenting in a way that is deemed to be rude or abusive will not be tolerated and will be asked to leave the school premises immediately.

Reading Raffle Tickets

This year, Miss Boden will be introducing 'reading raffle tickets' to further encourage the children to engage with reading at home. Learning to read is the gateway to accessing all subjects and enhances life chances. We aim to foster a love for reading as it develops your child's imagination, understanding of the world and vocabulary whilst enjoying the escapism of a good book.

What are we hoping to achieve?

- To raise the profile of reading at Godstone Primary and Nursery School.
- To increase the number of children who engage with reading outside of school.
- To create a 'love of reading' that goes beyond their time at Godstone Primary and Nursery School.

How does it work?

- Read with your child **at least three times a week** and record it in their home-link book.
- Every Friday, the children who have read at least three times at home that week will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw.

- At celebration assembly, one raffle ticket will be drawn out and the winning child will receive a brand-new book to keep!

Pupil Wellbeing

Pupil wellbeing is always a priority at our school, please speak to us if you have concerns. The [DfE blog](#) includes [mental health resources](#) for children, parents, carers and school staff to utilise. Please use the links to access any support that you feel that you or your child might need.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N. J. Usher".

Mr Nick Usher

Headteacher