



## Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming the children back to school once again! We have spent time reading and digesting the latest guidance to plan a smooth transition back to school. The bubble system will still be in place for the foreseeable future with a few tweaks. This letter will lay out what school will look like on the children's return. As always we ask that you support us in ensuring a safe environment for staff and children by following the school guidance and the national guidelines. We all have a part to play and by following the rules we can avoid another lockdown and the schools being shut again. We all want to see life beyond COVID as quickly as possible.

### Attendance.

Attendance to school is mandatory the government have been very explicit that all children should return to school unless they themselves are Clinically extremely vulnerable.

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### Start and finishing time.

As before we need to ensure that people are socially distancing and we are reducing the numbers of people on the school site at any one time. In order for this to work we will need your help by:

- Arriving as close to your drop off and pick up times (no earlier or later) as possible to avoid crowds gathering.
- Only one adult per family to enter the playground to drop off and pick up children.
- Wear masks and practise social distancing at all times.
- Leave the playground promptly straight after drop off and pick up.
- Siblings can be dropped off at the same time in the morning - choose the earlier time.

### Start Times

Uses: *P - uses Pedestrian Gate V- uses Vehicle Gate*

8.40am start Kestrels- enter class door <i>P</i> Bus arrives: Children enter class doors <i>V</i>	8.50am Start Skylarks– enter through class door <i>V</i> Owls – enter through class door <i>P</i>
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### Finish Times

3.10pm Finish Owls – leave through class door <i>P</i> Skylarks- leave through class door <i>P</i>	3.15pm finish Kestrels- leave through class door. <i>V</i> Bus children: Owls TA- take bus children out <i>P</i> Skylarks- Nikki takes out <i>V</i> Kestrels – class teacher takes out <i>V</i>
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### Lateral Flow testing.

Staff will continue to test twice weekly. This adds an extra layer of detection and protection in school to help identify and helps to limit the possible spread of infection amongst the school. Currently the government do not intend to roll vaccines out to critical workers this includes educational staff.

### Symptoms and Positive tests.

We will be following the guidance from the government that asks:

When an individual develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or has a positive test Pupils, 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
- If they have had a positive test they must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after the start of their symptoms or the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).
- Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm.
- If anyone at school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days. They must follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10-day isolation period and book a test. If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

***\*\*\*It is essential that you let the school know of any testing/isolation/symptoms or positive test as soon as possible.\*\*\****



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### **Masks.**

We ask that all parents wear masks (unless medically exempt) on the school site and socially distance where possible. Staff will wear masks in the corridors and communal areas. Some staff will also wear them in their classrooms (personal choice).

### **P.E Kits.**

Children will come into school in their P.E kits on their P.E day to eliminate the amount of things coming into the school building. Your child's class teachers will be in touch with which days the children will be doing P.E

### **Playtime/lunchtimes/toilets.**

- As before the children will have allocated toilet stalls for their classes which will be cleaned regularly throughout the day to limit the possible spread of infection.
- At lunchtimes the children will be having lunch in their classrooms as before. You will be able to order lunch in the usual way. They will have zoned areas for their class bubbles to ensure that children do not mix during the school day.
- At playtimes the children have zoned areas with games to access, all equipment is cleaned at the end of each session ready for the next bubble.

### **Hand hygiene.**

The children will be asked to wash their hands at all transition points (arriving & leaving the room) and throughout the day. We have supplies of soap and sanitiser so there is no need for children to bring in their own.

### **Equipment.**

As before we ask that children limit the amount of things they bring into school to a water bottle, coat and lunchbox. They will continue to use their plastic wipe able wallets to transport anything necessary between school and home.

### **Cleaning.**

Throughout the day regular cleaning of multiple touch surfaces will continue to take place to limit the potential spread of the virus.

### **Visitors.**



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We are still limiting the visitors on site to a few as possible. As before we ask that if you have any concerns or questions then please email/phone the school office or use the class email to contact your class teacher.

I realise that this a lot of information for you to digest. As you can see much of this is the same as when we opened fully in September. The focus is on bubbles for the time being and reducing the number of points of contact between children/households. As before we are aiming to reduce the chances of COVID spreading through the school by making it as safe as we possibly can within the government guidelines.

It just remains for me to say a huge thank you for your commitment to your children's education over the period of remote learning. We know it has been tough but as we should all be proud of everything we have achieved. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Best Wishes,



Sarah Godbold.