



Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. We are really looking forward to welcome you back to school on Monday. As we move to the end of bubbles and living with COVID I wanted to share what school life will be like on the children's return. Our approach will be cautionary for the time being. We hope to begin to invite parents in for Gooderstone Gatherings after the October half term once we have seen what this half term holds.

Pick up and Drop Offs.

Will remain the same with the school having a soft opening. The doors will open at **8.40am** (please do not arrive before this time) and remain open till **8.55am**. All children will enter the school through their classroom doors. The school day will end at **3.15pm**, please do not allow your children to play on the school equipment at the end of the day. Masks are no longer required (of course you are still welcome to wear them) for drop offs and pick- ups but we encourage you to distance as much as possible and leave the school site promptly.

Playtimes & Lunchtimes.

One of the positive things we have found is the change in playtimes. Class teachers take their children out when they feel their children need the break rather than an enforced whole school playtime. This will remain in place, as a natural break when the children are ready has shown really positive results.

We will no longer be eating lunch in our classrooms, Mr Savory (The Federation Caretaker) will be super happy as will our carpets. Lunchtimes will take place in the hall once again making lunch a far more social event. Lunches can be booked using the **MyEd** or **Parentmail** app (click accounts for the lunch register) or children can bring a packed lunch from home.

Shoes.

We ask that all children have a pair of plimsolls in school to change in to, this will help save our carpets and make it a nicer environment for all. These can be kept in school and the children can come to school in school shoes or trainer each day for outdoor play and P.E.

P.E

Children will continue to wear their P.E kit (see school website for correct uniform) to school on the day of their P.E lessons. Your child's class teacher will share with you what days P.E will be on.



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Bookbags, Coats and water bottles.

We will continue to use the wipeable wallets in place of bags and book-bags. We have found that these take up less space as they fit in the children's trays and ensure that unnecessary objects are not brought into school. Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school each day and as we have missed out summer and gone directly to winter they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Testing, Cleaning and Ventilation.

Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly as we move through the Autumn Term. We will also continue to clean touch points, toilets and shared equipment throughout the day. Children will be sanitising their hands on entry and exit of the classroom and also washing them regularly. The government advice is to ensure that the school is well ventilated, we will of course balance ventilation with comfort but ask that all children come to school in layers (school uniform) as the days grow cooler.

Positive Results, Isolation and PCRs.

Attendance to school is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory age unless a child is isolating due to a positive test. It is important to follow the Government guidelines found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Home learning.

We understand that the next few terms will be disrupted for many children due to the isolation period needed for those children who get COVID. The class teacher's will liaise with you if this should happen to help wherever possible to ensure that this disruption is minimal to your child's learning. If your child is asymptomatic or well enough we will happily provide learning via our Google Classroom Platform.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and hope that we continue on the path to normality. Thank you for all your support over these past difficult two years. Together we are stronger and we are lucky to have a wonderful community behind us. We will, as ever, ensure that we continue to share any information and changes with you as soon as we know of them.

Mrs Godbold