



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Returning to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and that your children are excited to be coming back to school on Monday. Staff have been in school for the last couple of days making sure that everything is ready for the start of the academic year.

I am writing to give you updated information about the return to school following the latest advice from the government.

The government no longer require schools to keep children in bubbles therefore when we return children will be able to mix. To help minimise any spread we will be continuing with our free flow arrival system and have a small staggered exit at the end of the day – please see below for further details.

Face coverings are no longer advised although this may change if we have a rise in the number of cases in school.

The school will have the following control measures in place:

- **We will ensure good hygiene for everyone**
- **We will maintain appropriate cleaning regimes**
- **We will, where possible, keep occupied spaces well ventilated**
- **We will follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**

## **Arriving & Leaving School**

- The main school gates will open at **8:15am**
- Gates into the playground will open at **8:30am** where children should go straight into their class; Registration is at **8:45am** and gates will close promptly at **8:50am**
- Reception and Year 1 children will arrive and exit via the area outside the EYFS outdoor area (Left gate if you are looking at the school) – we will continue with a one-way system

	Finish Time	Pick Up Point
Reception & Year 1	3:00pm	Outside Reception outdoor area
Year 2, 3 & 4	3:05pm	Key Stage 2 Playground
Year 5 & 6	3:10pm	Key Stage 2 Playground





## **Assemblies, Break & Lunch Times**

- For the first half-term we will continue to have virtual assemblies in classes although individual phases will have a singing assembly in the hall once per week (Year 1 & 2; Year 3 & 4; Year 5 & 6) two year groups at a time, spread out with the hall well ventilated.
- We will continue to stagger break and lunch times to limit the amount of children on the playground at one time
- Lunch will continue to be taken in the classroom as the children feel it was a quieter space to eat their food

## **Protective Measures**

- We will continue to limit adults entering school – should you have a concern, please contact your class teacher using Class Dojo or contact the office on 01553 774147
- Regular hand washing and use of hand sanitisers will be encouraged
- Children will be allocated their own stationary
- We ask children to bring in essentials (*coat, water bottle, book bag, PE kit and lunch box if needed*)

## **Expectations**

- Toys (*including fidget/stress toys*) should not be brought into school – if they are, the teacher will keep until the end of the day
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted
- Earrings should be studs and not elaborate or hooped; if children wear earrings they will be asked to tape them over in PE for health and safety reasons

## **Uniform**

- It is expected that all children attending Gaywood Primary will adhere to the uniform expectations;
- School jumper or cardigan; Sky blue polo shirt or shirt; Grey trousers, tailored shorts or pleated skirts; Red and White check gingham dress; Black shoes.
- Year 6 children can wear their 'leavers' hoodie (with all Y6 names on) which hopefully will be available in September

## **P.E.**

- PE Uniform: Navy shorts; Sky blue round neck t-shirt; indoor plimsolls; tracksuit may be work for outdoor PE in cold weather
- Children will need to bring their PE kit in and change in school as we did before COVID restrictions - Year 5 and 6 children will be separated when changing so that boys and girls do not get changed in the same space.





## **Breakfast & Extra-Curricular Clubs**

- Our breakfast club goes from strength to strength. We are keeping the costs the same at £2:90 per child, per session – *(free to pupil premium children)*
- Children will continue to access breakfast club from the side of the main hall.
- We will continue with our afterschool care provision every day from 3pm to 4pm – we are keeping the costs the same at £3 per child, per session – *(free to pupil premium children)*
- The extra-curricular provision will be as follows and the costs will be the same at £3 per child, per session - *(free to pupil premium children)*:

	<b>Sports Club (3:00pm – 4:00pm)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Football – KS2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi-Sports – KS1
<b>Wednesday</b>	Multi-Sports – KS2
<b>Thursday</b>	Football – KS1
<b>Friday</b>	Dodgeball – KS1

## **Symptoms**

If your child has symptoms, you should keep them off school and follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms we will send them home and you should follow public health advice.

## **Further information**

For further information please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Here's to a fantastic new academic year at Gaywood Primary School.

Kind regards,

Mr N. Mindham  
Head Teacher

