



Frequently Asked Questions



Does my child have to attend school in September?

*Yes, from Wednesday 2nd September, all children **must** return to school.*

How will you keep my child safe?

We will be putting in measures to keep our community as safe as possible. We cannot guarantee that your child will not become unwell at any time.

What will lessons be like?

Our first priority will be ensuring the children settle back into the structure and routine of school. We know this has been an anxious time for everyone, therefore, as well as Reading, Writing & Maths, we will spend lots of time talking to the children about how they are feeling and giving them strategies they can use to help them settle back into school as soon as they can. Children will also partake in physical activities every day.

What will my child wear?

*Full school uniform must be worn each day. Children must bring a coat and their P.E kits (which will need to be washed weekly). Unnecessary items **must not** be brought between school and home. Please be aware that all classroom doors and windows will be open to keep the classrooms well ventilated.*

Can I call into the front office to drop something off or speak to someone?

No, the site is closed except for essential contractors and maintenance that are booked in advance. Please call us or email gbparents@gbshp.org if you need to speak to someone.

My child has medication. How do I arrange for this to be taken in school?

If medication requires more than 3 doses during the day, please call the front office - 0121 558-0472 so that we can arrange for this to be brought into school.

What will my child need to bring to school?

P.E kits (these will need to be washed weekly), book bags & reading books, a packed lunch (if your child is in KS2 and is not entitled to free school meals). Please do not allow your child to bring in any unnecessary items into school.

Should my child wear a mask in school?

Children do not need to wear masks whilst in school. We ask that these are removed before coming through the school gates.

If my child is provided with a school meal, what will this be?

Whilst we adjust to this new way of school life, we are only providing a packed lunch to pupils. No hot meals will be served in September and this will be reviewed.

What time does my child start school?

We are staggering our start and finish times to reduce the amount of traffic at the beginning and end of the day. You can drop off your child between 8.30 - 9.00am. There will be a specific entrance to use, depending on what year your child is in (please see the letter from Mr Shephard with entrance and exit points).

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What time does my child finish school?

Finish times will depend on what Key Stage your child is in. Pick up points will be the same as where you drop your child off in the morning.

Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 - children must be collected between 3.00pm & 3.15pm.

Key Stage 2 - children must be collected between 3.15pm & 3.30pm.

Will my child be in a bubble?

Yes - your child will be in a bubble with pupils from their year group. We are putting measures in place to ensure that children from different bubbles keep socially distant.

Will children socially distance in school?

Children will be in a bubble with their class and others from the same year group at break and lunchtimes. Guidance states that children within the bubble may not be able to distance socially, but will be prompted to do so at all times. Handwashing and respiratory hygiene rules will apply. Adults will distance from children as much as they can.

Will there be any breakfast or after school clubs?

No there will be no breakfast or after school clubs for the first half term. This will be reviewed.

What happens if a child displays symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in school?

Please see below flow chart for school's protocols if a child displays COVID-19 in school.

What do I do if my child displays symptoms at home?

Please do not send your child to school under any circumstances. Isolate your child, keep them at home and arrange for a test to be done as soon as possible. You must inform the school of test results as soon as possible. Children will not be allowed to return to school until proof of a negative result has been shared.

How can I help with keeping our school community safe?

- *Only 1 person per family drops off & collects children.*
- *When picking up and dropping off, please maintain social distancing rules.*
- *Please be patient at the end of the day when we are dismissing the children as it may take longer than normal. Please keep your distance and **do not** crowd around exits. There will be markings on the floor so please take notice of these. You will be expected to queue up as you would when visiting local shops/supermarkets etc.*
- *Ensure you pick up your child on time.*
- *Walk to school, where possible.*
- *Ensure we have your most up to date contact information.*
- *Answer the phone if school calls you as it may be urgent.*
- *If we ask you to collect your child as they are unwell, make your way to school as soon as possible.*
- *Ensure that your child takes a COVID test, if they are displaying any symptoms and notify school of the results as soon as possible.*
- *Provide school with proof of test results.*
- *Speak to us if you have any worries or concerns. You can call us - 0121 558 0472 or email us on gbparents@gbshp.org.*
- *If any member of your family is symptomatic, inform school immediately & ensure a test takes place.*
- *Engage in the NHS test & trace system.*