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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Plans for September

Firstly thank you for your ongoing support over the past few months. I know we have seen some children every day but hopefully the work packs, Google Classroom and the calls/communication from the staff in school have helped support those who we haven't seen. I appreciate that you will have had to make many adjustments to your daily routines to accommodate child care and to support them with their learning at home.

As you will know, the Government has announced that all schools will reopen in September. We are working through the latest guidance from the Department for Education to plan how to do this with the additional expectations of The Elliot Foundation. The Government have made it clear that they feel it is now safe enough to reopen for all pupils in September. This means that education is once again **compulsory** and that parents and carers will be expected to send their children to school.

Bubbles

In order to alleviate any concerns that you may have about September, we are still planning to work within 'bubbles'. Only pupils and staff allocated to each bubble will be allowed to be within their zone. There will be no mixing of pupils from other bubbles. This means that school will look and feel very different to how it previously was. Clearly identified spaces, including toilets and playground zones, will be included in these changes.

Lunches

There will be no hot dinners for at least September (this will be reviewed). Pupils will receive a sandwich meal from school if they are entitled to free school meals, or you can send them in with a packed lunch if you prefer. Sandwiches will be eaten within classrooms and we will be working with our catering providers to change this to a hot meal service as soon as we can.

Uniform

Children will be expected to wear full school uniform and bring in their P.E kits, which will need to be taken home and washed each week. Daily physical activities will also be taking place. These activities do not require a full P.E kit, however suitable footwear should be worn as part of the normal school uniform.

Cleaning and Hygiene

There will be an increased cleaning regime throughout the day by both class staff and cleaning staff in order to ensure that the environment remains clean. Children will be expected to increase their handwashing and there will be regular hand washing breaks throughout the day. We will be encouraging all pupils to remain socially distant from each other where possible and the classroom layout will also support this. We will continue with the good respiratory hygiene rules; "catch it, kill it, bin it" - for coughs and sneezes. These routines will continue to become embedded into our school culture, supported by behaviour expectations and helping ensure younger children and those with complex needs understand the need to follow them.



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Illness, Isolation and Testing

There are some specific guidelines that you can also support us with. If your child becomes unwell or demonstrates at least one of the Covid 19 symptoms, they **must not** come to school and you **must** notify us as soon as possible. In this instance, we would insist that you book a Covid test for your child. They will only be allowed to return to school once a negative test has been received and proof has been shared with us. If a child displays symptoms whilst in school, they will be moved to an isolated area of the school - you will be called to collect them and any siblings if applicable, the same process then applies. Your child will only be allowed to return once proof of a negative test has been shown to the school. Siblings will have to remain off school for 14 days from the first child's symptoms. If we have a **positive case** it may be necessary to send other pupils and staff home who have been in direct contact with that child. We will liaise with Public Health England for up to date advice if this occurs. It is imperative that we have up to date contact details with two named contacts. If any contact numbers have changed since we sent the forms out recently, please let us know **as soon as possible**.

Start & End of the Day Routines

The other way in which you can support us is by helping to reduce the amount of people around school at start and home times. Public Health England and the Department of Education have clearly stipulated that **only 1 parent should drop off and pick up**. To help reduce the amount of people on school site at key times in the day, we have staggered start and finish times. We have also identified specific entrances/exits for particular year groups that need to be adhered to. All pupils need to be dropped off between 8.30 - 9.00am to the drop off points detailed below. If you are a parent of an older Key Stage 2 pupil, you do not need to come on site at all. We request that you drop them off at the school gates. There will be members of staff on hand to direct them to the correct entrance. **It is really important that you take notice of the floor markings and keep social distance whilst on school site.** Entrance and Exit points may differ from the letter you have been previously sent. Therefore, it is really important that you see the table below so you are clear where you need to go.

All drop off & pick up points will be clearly signposted to you. **Please note for some year groups, drop off & exit points will be different.**

Year Group	Drop off Time (start of day)	Drop off location (start of day)	Pick up time (end of day)	Pick Up Location (end of day)
Nursery		Early years playground	11.30am	Side door by the school office, at the front of the school building.
Reception		Early Years	3.00 - 3.15pm	Early years



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(Squirrels & Raccoons)	8.30 - 9.00am	playground		playground
Year 1 (Jaguars)		Jaguars' class side door (front carpark)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Jaguars' class side door (front carpark)
Year 1 (Butterflies)		Year 1 gate (front carpark)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Year 1 gate (front carpark)
Year 2 (Giraffes & Tigers)		Year 2 exit (through the side gate in the playground)	3.00 - 3.15pm	Year 2 exit (through the side gate in the playground)
Year 3 (Cheetahs & Snakes)		Year 3 door (at the front of the school by the school office)	3.15 - 3.30pm	Year 3 door (at the front of the school by the school office)
Year 4 (Dolphins & Lions)		Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their own. Staff will be on hand to help them know where to go*</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground)
Year 5 (Parrots & Hedgehogs)		Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their own. Staff will be on hand to help them know where to go*</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Hall doors (through the side gate of the playground)
Year 6 (Robins & Bears)		Year 6 side door (through the side gate of the playground) <i>*Please encourage your child to walk round to their entrance on their</i>	3.15 - 3.30pm	Reading Garden - Top of the playground



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Please note that the purpose of this letter is not to frighten you about the return in September, but highlight the specific elements that will be different as well as the new expectations that we can all work together on, in order to ensure that our children and staff stay as safe as we possibly can.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information in this letter. If you do have any concerns, please see our frequently asked questions page which can be accessed [here](#) electronically and is also attached with this letter or email us at gbparents@gbshp.org. However, please note that emails may not be responded to over the summer holidays.

Enjoy the Summer break and I look forward to seeing all pupils on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Many thanks

Mr Shephard
Executive Principal



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