

Gordon School News

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FULL RE-OPENING FROM 4TH SEPTEMBER

We have been busily reading through the very extensive guidance from the government about re-opening the school to all pupils in September. It will provide us with a number of challenges, but with your support we can make it work!

The children will continue to be taught in bubbles but the size of the bubbles will be larger. The children will be in **year group bubbles in the Foundation Stage and Year 1** to enable them to participate in “free-flow” learning. **The rest of the school will be in class bubbles.** The children will remain in their bubbles and not mix with children from other bubbles. With a few minor changes in the classrooms this is manageable. The difficulty comes at playtimes and, in particular, at lunchtimes. Playtimes and lunchtimes will be on a rota and different classes will have their breaks at different times. We will need to shorten lunchtimes in order for all classes to have time to eat. We will be maintaining the number of teaching hours per day but due to shorter breaks, the school day will be approximately 30 minutes shorter in length.

Reception to Year 6: The children in each class will be divided into three groups based on where their surname falls in the alphabet. Each group will have a slightly different start time and end time, but it will mean that all the siblings within a family can be dropped off and collected at the same time, from the same playground. Next week we will send out a separate message so you will know which group your child will be in.

Nursery: Nursery will re-open on 21st September and the hours remain unchanged (8:45am to 11:45am / 12:30pm to 3:30pm).

These changes will take a little getting used to, but in order to maximise our attempts to keep the children safe, we need to implement them. It is likely that drop-off and collection will take a little longer than usual, but the changes are not permanent and we will revert to our usual timings when we are able to do so. Please note that if elements of our plan do not work as well as we expect, we may need to make further amendments, but we will give you as much notice as we can. Thank you!

ANNUAL REPORTS

We will have an annual report collection point in the Key Stage 2 playground on Thursday 16th July for anyone who has not yet received their report. Please come along to the Earlsall Road entrance (the bandstand end of the playground) between 2:15pm and 3:15pm. If you are not able to make it, you can collect your child’s report in September. Thank you.

GO! CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has emailed us to express their interest in using the GO! Club from September. We will be sending details to these families about how to book sessions early next week before opening up the remaining places to the rest of the school. If you haven’t informed us that you are interested in using the GO! Club, please do so before Monday 13th July. Thank you.

We now know more about how the school will operate next term and to fit with some changes we need to implement, we have amended the timings of the GO! Club slightly:

Breakfast Club – 7:30am to 8:55am. £9.
After-School Club – 3pm to 6pm. £11.

Sessions must be paid for in advance. We will be using the Sports Hall until the refurbishment of the hut is complete.

ANTI-BULLYING AWARD



We are delighted to inform you that the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** have presented us with their **All Together School** award at the Gold level in recognition of the work we have done to reduce bullying and promote the well-being of our pupils.

Enormous thanks go to Ms Newlove who worked so hard with pupils, parents, staff and governors and helped us improve our practice!

THANK YOU FOG

A number of our picnic benches are looking dilapidated! FoG have very kindly purchased four new benches for us. They look great and the children are enjoying using them. Many thanks!

CHECK-IN SESSIONS

Our final check-in sessions will be taking place next week:

- **Monday 13th July – Kelpie Class** (Mussel Class)
- **Tuesday 14th July – Pegasus Class** (Lionfish Class)
- **Wednesday 15th July – Phoenix Class** (Lobster Class)

In order to manage the group sizes we have split each class in two: **children whose surname begins with a letter between A and L are in Group 1** and **children whose surname begins with a letter between M and Z are in Group 2**. Group 1 will be in the Sports Hall from 3pm and will stay for half an hour. Group 2 will be in from 3:30pm. All children will enter through the Earlshall Road gate (near the bandstand) and will leave through the Craigton Road gate (near the Sports Hall). Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be able to enter the site as we need to limit numbers.

Nursery check-ins will take place between 1pm and 1:30pm on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July. Mrs Miller has sent out information to parents about which session their child should attend.



Please remember to bring back any school reading books you have at home. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

Thursday 16th July – last day for Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Friday 17th July – last day of online learning

– Year 6 Day

– last day for Key Worker children

Friday 4th September – first day of the Autumn term ... Reception (pupils moving from **our** Nursery), Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Monday 21st September – Nursery re-opens for returning pupils

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you receive certain benefits such as:

- **Income Support**
- **Working Tax Credit**
- **Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Employment Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part 6 of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999**
- **Pensions credit**
- **Child Tax Credit**

your family may be able to receive free school meals, school clothing grants or School Journey grants. More information can be found on the Council's website: www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk. Alternatively, we have copies of the form in the office and we can help you with your application.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YEAR 2: Please remember that your automatic entitlement to free school meals will end at the end of this term. If you receive the benefits listed above you will need to apply for free school meals – they will not continue unless you complete and submit the form.

YEAR 6 NEWS

All of Year 6 are invited to join us on Friday 17th July for the chance to say a final goodbye. They will play some games in the playground, receive their end-of-year report, collect their work books and watch a video of their *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* performance. Please enter through the Earlshall Road gate at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the playground from 1:45pm to take socially distanced photos of the children's last primary school day. The day will end at 2pm.

The Year 6 composite photos have arrived. If you have not yet paid for yours, please contact the office.

The Year 6 Leavers' organising committee has everyone's email details for future communication, and the ticket money is safe for when we can go ahead with a disco. We are hoping this will be in the autumn term, but can't be definite at the moment. We are looking forward to hosting this reunion whenever it's possible!

SPORTS DAY - TUESDAY

Year 6 have planned a whole school Sports Day which can be done at home with ordinary, household objects. They devised ten activities (and a few bonus ones), each one taking just one minute to complete. The children need to record their scores and then send their score sheet to their teacher via their Google classroom. The teachers will pass the scores to Year 6 who will calculate the totals for the whole school. We will let you know which house has won Sports Day in the newsletter on the last day of term.

Year 6 have recorded a video to show the rest of the school how to do the tasks. We have posted it in the Google classrooms! Good luck, everyone!!

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