



**Goring Church of England  
(Aided) Primary School**  
Faith, Love and Learning

15 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school in such an enthusiastic and safe way while adjusting positively to our new protective routines. The new Reception class families, who are joining us this term, have had opportunities to visit and meet their child's class teacher and those children joining other year groups from different schools have all settled well. We are looking forward to a happy and successful term for every-one.

### **Safeguarding**

Thank you for your cooperation with our new entry/exit procedures, social distancing and the wearing of masks. I would ask that you park safely and respectfully, being mindful that we have a responsibility towards our wider community.

### **Parking**

Please can I encourage you to walk your children to school whenever possible but if you have to drive ensure that you park respectfully in roads surrounding the school which includes keeping driveways and the area directly outside school clear of cars. We are part of a wider community and as a school want to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

### **Mulberry Car Park**

If you would like a parking permit for the Mulberry Pub car park which will allow you to park in the car park between 8.15am and 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm, Monday to Friday during term time please contact the school office.

The Mulberry Pub do have early morning deliveries. We would ask that you are aware of this when parking your car, it may be more difficult to park or you may be blocked in whilst the delivery takes place. We are very grateful to the Mulberry for allowing us to use their car park.

### **Attendance**

I cannot state strongly enough how vital it is that your child is in school regularly every day. After such an extended time of disruption to their education it is important that they have the best, consistent opportunity to re-engage in learning as part of a full and broad curriculum. Early assessments will enable us to identify gaps in learning and plan targeted lessons appropriately so that their progress can be maximized.

Although I appreciate that the past months have been stressful for families and many holiday plans have had to be cancelled/rescheduled, requests for absence due to holidays will not be authorized and I would urge you to seriously consider the impact that any request would have on your child's long term success. Additional quarantine travel restrictions will also potentially extend these absences increasing the negative impact educationally for your child. I know our joint desire is that your child succeeds in school and we would ask therefore for your ongoing support in this matter.

## **Covid-19 related absence in line with current guidance**

What are Covid symptoms?

A high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change/loss of taste or smell

What should I do if my child displays Covid symptoms?

- You should keep your child isolated at home for 10 days and arrange a test as soon as possible via nhs.uk or by calling 111.
- Contact the school office immediately to alert them to the suspected case of Covid so that the necessary action can be taken in school including disinfection of the affected area/classroom used by your child
- Members of your household must isolate for 14 days
- Once you receive the test result please contact the school office immediately for further advice

What if my child develops symptoms at school?

Your child will be cared for in a dedicated isolation space by a designated member of staff. You will be contacted and asked to collect your child immediately.

What action will be taken if there is a confirmed case of Covid in the school community? The Health Protection Team will be contacted in order for a further risk assessment to be undertaken, to determine who would need to isolate and parents will be notified accordingly.

Ongoing up to date guidance and advice can be found on the Government website.

### **Curriculum Talks for Parents**

Under the current Covid situation all Curriculum information talks for parents will now be posted on our website under the Classes curriculum and home learning tab and will be available from today. Please take time to view these presentations as they will give you a good understanding of the learning that is planned for your child in the coming terms. If you have any specific questions/queries please contact your child's class teacher or email the school office. Copies of the curriculum booklets are also on the website.

### **Sport and PE**

I invite you to celebrate with us as the school, under Mr Ireland's excellent PE leadership, has been awarded the highest Key stage 1 Quality Start award - Platinum Plus. This award recognises and rewards schools for their commitment to PE, School Sport and Healthy and Active Lifestyles. The children's fantastic engagement and enthusiasm for sport was further highlighted when we were rated as the highest scoring school in Sussex for participation in the Virtual sports events organized by Active Sussex during lockdown.

### **Parent Helpers**

We have always welcomed parents/grandparents etc into school as voluntary helpers to provide additional support with a range of activities. This arrangement has been suspended temporarily while we establish safe protective measures in the light of Covid and I will alert you of a re-start date in due course. In the meantime, if you plan to join this team of helpers please contact the school office to arrange for a DBS check to be undertaken, if you do not have a current one. This must be in place before your offer of time can be accepted.

## Diary dates

Autumn term: 3 September - 18 December 2020, Half term 26 -30 October 2020

Spring term: 4 January – 1 April 2021, Half term 15-19 February 2021

Summer term: 19 April – 23 July 2021, Half term 31 May – 4 June 2021

Please note that the school will be closed for staff training on the following

INSET days – 2 November 2020

4 January 2021

22 February 2021

25 June 2021

## Individual and Sibling photographs

Children will be having their individual and sibling photo's taken in October. We will inform you of the date when it has been confirmed. We would like children to come to school in their winter uniform on this day.

## Chartwells

If your child is years 3-6 and has a hot school meal we would be grateful if you could go on to the Chartwells website and update their class/year group.

## Messages

We would be very grateful when either leaving a telephone message or emailing the school office you tell us your child's name and class.

Yours sincerely

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