

Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School



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Dear parents/ carers

I am sure you are all aware that from 8th March we will be fully reopening school to all pupils as directed by the Government. We are very excited to be welcoming everyone back and keen to continue our excellent safety procedures and practices that have kept us safe so far.

We have noticed a reduction in engagement from some pupils as we have returned this week and I would like to encourage you as much as possible to support your child in attending and connecting with school over the next 6 school days before the return. We are sure this will help their return to school routine and reduce some of the worries about being back. Thank you, we know it hasn't been easy – I attach a link for a letter to parents from Gavin Williamson who also acknowledges the struggles. <u>https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/?utm_source=24%20February%20201%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19</u>

We will continue to maintain bubbles and social distancing in school and ask that you continue to support this by arriving and collecting your child in the allocated time slots and whenever possible allowing children to come onto site in the morning unaccompanied. Any adult coming onto the school site will be expected to wear a mask. Children are asked to come in their school PE kit on the days that PE is planned, class teachers will let you know when that is via dojo.

Times for the school day			
Year group	Arrival	Collection	
YR	8.45	3.00	
Y1/2	8.50	3.05	
Y3/4	8.55	3.15	
Y5/6	9.00	3.20	

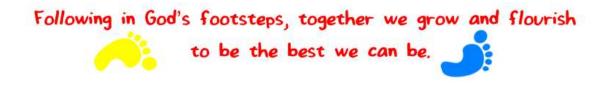
As previously agreed, older children may use the start and finish time of younger siblings if needed.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should self-isolate along with the rest of the household. Anyone with symptoms can arrange a test via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Further information is available at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</u>

To support your child's smooth transition into the whole school routines we will be focussing on the key skills needed to support learning. Thank you to every parent who supported their child to complete the questionnaire, we will be using that information to plan appropriate activities to ensure that children feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

As part of our return, as the days lengthen, we will be sending out information about after school sports clubs starting after the Easter holidays. To maintain bubbles these will be allocated days for different ages and will focus on fun and being active, please look out for further information.



Many of you will be aware that we would usually be inviting you in for a parent's evening this term, we are postponing this until later in the year, please continue to get in touch if you have any specific concerns or questions.

We look forward to welcoming you all back into school and please be assured that we will continue to do everything we can to support you and your children.

Jayne Watson