



Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you have all heard on the news, the Government has decided that all schools must reopen to all pupils in September. We are very excited about the prospect of having all our children back in together and I am sure many of you are too but we also understand that some of you will be feeling a little anxious about it. The government have given schools guidelines of how we can open and the procedures that need to be in place. These are the things you need to know about your child coming into school:

Start and end of the day:

- There will be a strict one-way system coming in and out of school. We ask that only one adult accompanies the child/children from their household, so that the number of people entering the school grounds is kept to a minimum. Please enter via the lower gate, past the bike shed and leave via the top gate next to the school field. At the end of day, it is the other way round – come in through the top gate, collect your child(ren) and leave via the bottom gate near the crossing. This one-way system will give access to the bike/scooter park if necessary and will also mean that pupils can safely reach their class entrance. Staff will be available on the first day to direct your child to their classroom.
- If your child is responsible/old enough to come in without adult supervision, please drop them off at the gate.
- Children will have staggered start and finish times:
- On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September only we will be staggering the start times by 30mins. This will allow for a socially distanced start to the day when children may be unsure about routines. On those days Reception, Y1 and Y2 will arrive at 8.45, Y3 and Y4 at 9.15 and Y5 and Y6 at 9.45. Going home times will be as below.
- The start times from Monday 7th September will be: Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to arrive for 8:45am and go home at 3:05pm; Y3 and Y4 children to arrive at 9am and go home at 3:15pm; Y5 and Y6 children to arrive at 9:10am and go home at 3:25pm.
- If you have siblings in different classes with different start times, drop off and pick up using the younger siblings time.
- Children will be entering their classrooms via their fire exit. The only exception is Blyton classroom. The children in this class will enter via the back main door up the steps. The children will go home via the same exit.

Breaks and Lunchtimes:

- Each class is a bubble and will each have their own playtime and lunch together in a zoned area on the playground or school field.
- There will be two main playtime slots and lunchtime slots.
- Reception and KS1 children will all be able to have a hot lunch (unless they choose to bring their own packed lunch). They will eat, over a staggered time, in the hall.
- KS2 children will eat in their classroom (or outside if it is warm). If your KS2 child chooses to order a lunch from school, it will be a packed lunch made by our kitchen. There will be no hot meal option for KS2 from September but we will review this provision on a regular basis.

Following in God's footsteps, together we grow and flourish



to be the best we can be.



Other:

- The curriculum will be back to normal and catch up programmes will be in place for those that need it.
- Within each class, children will not be expected to social distance.
- When it is your child's PE session, they will be required to come to school in their PE kit for the day.
- Children will be sharing toilets between bubbles (maximum of 3 classes per set of toilets). Government guidance has stated that this is acceptable as the children will be in and out very quickly (within 15 minutes).
- If it is essential, older pupils may bring a mobile phone but this must be clearly labelled with their name. In a change to the usual procedure, mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school grounds and taken to the classroom where they will be kept safely by the teacher until the end of the day.
- The school office is open as normal, however to comply with social distancing only one person/family should enter the main foyer at a time. If there are others waiting, please queue starting with a 2m distance from the main doors. If possible, please telephone the school office on 01476 565800 or email reply@gonerbyhillfoot.lincs.sch.uk with your query instead. There is a red post box in the main foyer for anything you need to drop off.

What do children need to bring:

- School uniform **must** be worn. This includes school shoes.
- Packed lunch if you have not ordered a school meal.
- Y5 and Y6 can bring pencil cases but these should be then left in school
- Personal hand sanitiser / soap (labelled) if your child has sensitive skin or by your preference
- Water bottle

We are expecting further Government updates over the summer and will continue to keep you informed.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please free to contact us.

Kindest regards

Mrs Sarah Garland and Mrs Jayne Watson
Acting Headteacher and New Headteacher