



GODSTONE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 2nd September. Detailed below is some key information about accessing school this term. There will be opportunities to meet your class teacher in September and I will be delivering a Headteacher's talk to give you an overview of some of the exciting projects that we are working on this year. Both meetings with myself and your class teacher are great opportunities to ask questions and work with the school to make your child's time with us the best it can be. All meetings will be in the school hall, which can be accessed by the white doors from the staff car park.

Please find the meeting times and dates listed below:

Date	Time	Meeting
Monday 6 th September	9am / 3.30pm / 7pm	Headteacher's Presentation
Tuesday 7 th September	9am	Year 6 Presentation
Wednesday 8 th September	9am	Year 5 Presentation
Thursday 9 th September	9am	Year 4 Presentation
Friday 10 th September	9am	Year 3 Presentation
Monday 13 th September	9am	Year 2 Presentation
Tuesday 14 th September	9am	Year 1 Presentation

Arrangements for the Start of Term

Following the relaxation of some COVID-19 protocols and updated guidance from the DfE, please find below the new measures that we have put in place. Please remember that all guidance is changeable and dependant on government directives. It is important to note we all have differing levels of anxiety around COVID-19 and therefore we must be respectful of each person's feelings on the matter.

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education. Our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all children. School attendance is mandatory for all pupils and it is our priority to ensure that all children regularly attend school.



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Start and Finish Times

We will be resuming our usual pick up and drop off times at the start and end of each day. Please find listed below a timetable for each class:

	Drop off time	Pick up time	Location
Nursery	8.45am	2.45 pm*	Nursery front door
Reception	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.00 pm	Reception side gate
Year 1	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Reception side gate
Year 2	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.15 pm	Main gate
Year 3	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 4	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 5	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate
Year 6	8.40 am – 8.50 am	3.20 pm	Main gate

*Any late pick-ups will be charged at our normal rate.

Groupings

In line with government guidance, the children will not be grouped into ‘bubbles’ this term. This means that children will be able to interact with children from other classes, assemblies can take place and lunchtime will resume as normal in the hall.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or in communal areas. Face coverings will also no longer be required at pick up and drop off.

Keeping Everyone Safe

To ensure that all children and staff are kept safe, we will continue to ask children to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. Staff will continue to clean the school more frequently throughout the day. Classrooms will be well ventilated with windows and doors left open, however this will be offset against maintaining a comfortable working environment for the staff and children.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Every child must wear their school uniform every day. Some children may have an alternate school uniform arrangement which has been discussed and approved by the school’s leadership team. Every other child is expected to wear their uniform as usual. PE kits will be kept in school and children will get changed in and out of their PE kit for lessons during the school day.

We are acutely aware of some supply issues with our current uniform supplier. We are looking at ways to resolve this as soon as possible. We understand that delayed uniform orders may mean that your child doesn't have the correct uniform in time for the start of school.

Contact Tracing

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

If an individual chooses not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact. If anyone in our school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, we will send them home and they should follow public health advice. For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.

Remote Education

We will continue to offer high-quality remote education, when required, this academic year. The remote education provided will be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. We will work collaboratively with families and put in place reasonable adjustments so that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can successfully access remote education. We have a number of laptop devices which we can distribute to families who need them when accessing learning remotely.

Admitting Children to School

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school, we may take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Our decision will be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

Pupil Wellbeing

The pandemic has been a very stressful experience for many children throughout the country. I have listed a range of resources that may support your child or others with the ongoing pandemic:

- [MindEd](#) - a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health
- [Every Mind Matters](#) - an online tool and email journey to support everyone in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing

- [Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) - information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff
- the [DfE blog](#) - includes [mental health resources](#) for children, parents, carers and school staff
- [Young Minds](#) - information on COVID-19 and mental health
- [Think Ninja](#) - a free app for 10 to 18 year olds to help build resilience and stay well
- [Every Mind Matters](#) - building resilience and supporting good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16

Get free, confidential support at any time by:

- texting SHOUT to 85258
- calling Childline on 0800 1111
- calling the Mix on 0808 808 4994

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. J. Usher'.

Mr Nick Usher

Acting Headteacher