

Day 1 - Emailed – 8.9.2020

Dear All,

It has been fantastic to have the children back in school today, we really really missed them. Everyone settled very quickly. Thank you for taking the time to read our rather lengthy arrangements document and sharing them with children. It really made all the difference.

The beginning and end of the school day are critical times that make or break the day for the children. We were really pleased how things ran today but here are a couple of reminders to help make things run even smoother tomorrow:

- Each class has a 15-minute window for entering the school site - children can enter at any time during this time slot in order to keep a steady flow rather than a crowd
- Please observe social distancing between families if you are walking your child into school or waiting outside
- Please do not stand by the playground gate in the morning as it causes a bottleneck
- Children must enter the playground quickly in the morning then parents and carers must leave immediately following the arrows – If your child is struggling stand back and a member of staff will support as soon as possible
- As stated in the code, children must not bring rucksacks to school, as we need to ensure that the children have as much space as possible. As we are not expecting home items to be brought in to school reading books could be brought in a carrier bag and carried in the drawstring PE bags as requested
- We don't currently have absence line. If your child is poorly, please email admin@gbpa.org.uk
- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms you must inform us either via phone email and we advise that they are tested.
- If you have a message for a member of staff please email via admin@gbpa.org.uk

Today has been all about helping the children adjust to being back in our school environment. We are working hard to support the emotional health and wellbeing of all of our children. We know that academically there is a lot of time to make up and we have a clear plan of implementation. We will be baselining over the next couple

of weeks but this will be carried out sensitively and we continue to support all the needs of our children.

Today we shared our new behaviour policy with the children. We have taken the opportunity during lockdown to review our practice.

We now have 3 universal school rules that we have shared with the children:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be Safe

We will be sending you an explanation of our vision and revised policy statement shortly.

Thank you again for working with us to keep our school a safe place for all and giving the children a brilliant start back to school.

Kind regards,

Sarah Evans

Headteacher