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Dear Parents

It has been lovely to welcome back most of our pupils this week, if only for a short amount of time. The children have been delighted to see each other and spend time playing with their friends.

This is certainly not the end of year we expected and we have greatly missed our usual end of year events such as Open Day, Sports Week and our leavers' celebrations for Nursery and Year 4.

We wish all of our pupils in Nursery and Year 4, who are leaving to join new schools, the very best of luck. We will have some sort of Year 4 leaver's celebration when we are able to. It is not only the children we wish to celebrate with, but our wonderful families, some of whom have been dropping and collecting children off at the GPFS gates for many years. We are not ready to let go of you all just yet!

Throughout the past few months, staff have been working hard to adapt our curriculum ready for September so that we can respond to the difficult times we have all been through, reflect on our experiences, and move forward, stronger together.

We know that our children will have had many different experiences during this time and we look forward to welcoming them all back in September. We will be ready to adapt our teaching to respond to the needs of all of our children, both socially and academically.

Although some guidance has been released for September, we do expect that this will change and be added to over the summer break. I would like to give you as much information as possible now to help you plan for September, but please understand that this is subject to change depending on guidance over the holidays and the nature of the pandemic. ***Please keep an eye on your emails and ParentPay over the holiday as we will give any updates as soon as we are able to via these channels.***

Thank you once again for your patience, understanding and support over the past few months which have been a challenge for us all. We can't wait to welcome you all back in September. Have a lovely Summer!

Please read the following information carefully ...

Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 8th September for pupils from Reception to Year 4

Throughout the past few months, strict social distancing measures have been in place on site with children and staff working in bubbles to keep our children, staff and families as safe as we possibly can. This will continue with larger bubbles from September.

Staggered pick up and drop off times

The government are still advising that times for children to be dropped off and collected in the school day are staggered to ensure children and parents have limited contact.

Please see the table below for class drop off locations and drop off and pick up times.

Please make sure you enter the site from our school gate. Do not enter via Broadway East's playground or through St Oswald's gate.

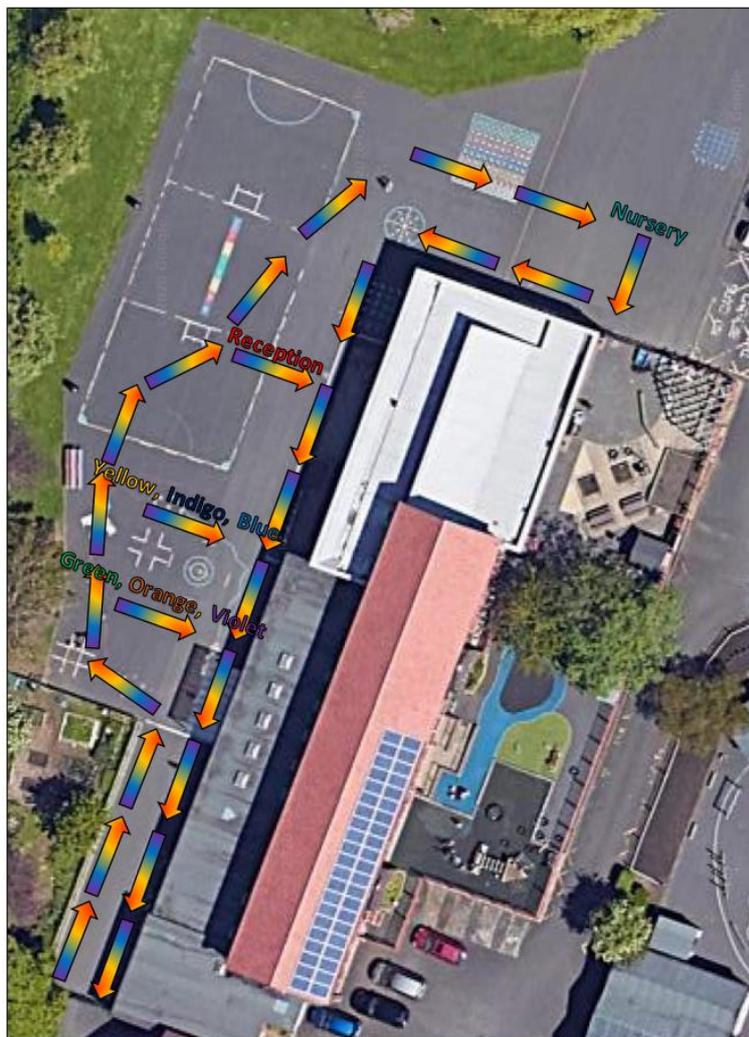
Please be aware that parents will be unable to speak to class teachers or support staff at the start or end of the day. Any messages will need to be sent to the school office via email or telephone. Parents dropping off/picking up should aim to maintain a 1m+ distance from other families at all times. Please note that only 1 adult is permitted to drop off the children. This is to minimise the number of adults on site at any one time. All children should be dropped off and collected from their designated drop off/pick up zone at the following times. Do not arrive earlier than the stated time and please leave immediately after with no congregating on any part of the site.

Phase	Class	Entrance/Exit	Start	Finish
EYFS	Nursery	Nursery Gate	8:50	3:30
	Reception SW	EYFS Red Doors	8:50	3:20
	Reception SC	EYFS Red Doors	9:00	3:30
KS1	Green	Red Doors 1	8:40	3:10
	Orange	Red Doors 1	8:50	3:20
	Yellow	Red Doors 2	8:40	3:10
KS2	Indigo	Red Doors 2	9:00	3:30
	Violet	Red Doors 1	9:00	3:30
	Blue	Red Doors 2	8:50	3:20

For parents with children in more than one class

- If you have two children in school please drop and collect at the later time.
- If you have three children in school, please drop and collect at the middle or later time.

Please stick to the one way loop and waiting system when dropping off and collecting.



New Reception Parents

We know how important your child's first day at school is. To make sure that both parents can attend drop off for your child's first day of school on **Tuesday 8th September, please drop your child off at 9:10**. This will give children, parents and staff a little more time to welcome the children into school and make sure they are settled.

New Nursery Parents

Miss Gasper has already sent out information regarding new Nursery visits in September. If there are any changes to these, we will email as soon as possible.

Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal offer. For the first few weeks of the autumn term this will be a cold packed lunch containing a sandwich, drink, bag of crisps, a piece of fruit and a biscuit or cake. There are 12 sandwich options so there is plenty of choice for the children. We will be returning to hot meals as soon as we are able to. Children in Year 3 and 4 can pay for a packed lunch from school, or bring their own from home.

Uniform

All children (with the exception of Nursery) will be expected to wear uniform from September.

Attendance

The government guidance now states that all children should return to school from September and non-attendance will be followed in the usual ways. If you are worried or concerned about something, please get in touch.

Classes September 2020

Nursery – Miss Gasper

Reception – Miss Walsh

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Green Class – Year 1 – Mrs McClurg

Orange Class – Year 1/2 – Miss Pope/Mrs Wells

Yellow Class – Year 2 – Mrs Lambert

Indigo Class – Year 3 – Mr Patterson

Violet Class – Year 3/4 – Mrs Easdon

Blue Class – Year 4 – Mrs Hindess/Mrs Armstrong

School Meals

From September school meals will cost £2.20 per day for KS2 pupils (£11 per week). Please pay in advance via Parent Pay.

For the first few weeks of term, the kitchen will be providing cold packed lunches. We will return to offering hot meals as soon as possible in the Autumn term.

Many thanks
Mrs Carrick

Holiday Activities and Childcare

If you need childcare for the summer holidays, the Gosforth out of School Club will be operating on site. We have spoken to the owners (Jo Price and Margaret Higgins) who are keen for us to let you know that they can accommodate the children of key workers who have been attending school since March, **as well as other children.**

Please visit their website if you would like to book places

<https://www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk>

We will share information about activities across the city for sport and holiday activities through the newsletter and twitter as this becomes available.

Uniform September 2020

As we look forward to September with the hope that all of our children will be returning, we want to remind you about our fantastic pre-loved uniform service. Mrs Watkins, one of our lovely parents and PTFA members, takes in items which are no longer needed and re-sells at a very reasonable price. All funds come back to school to be spent on playground equipment for the children. This is a brilliant way to reduce, reuse, recycle and to save money to spend on other things over the summer. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange drop off or collection.

Currently there is no stock available for nursery items and stock in low on age 7/8 cardigans. If anyone has any of these to donate, items can be dropped off in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU

- Jumpers/cardigans £2.50
- Polo shirts £1.50
- Pinafores £1.50
- Checked dresses £1.50
- Skirts/short/trousers 50p

When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please note that we are unable to take red items that are marked with pen.

Bookbags from September

As space in school is limited, please only send children with book bags in September. We do not have space to store 30 large back packs in each cloakroom/classroom.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb



If you haven't done so already, please check your email for details and log in to Seesaw. This has information about your child's new class and class teacher.

Thanks
Miss Coughlan



Top Class this week Orange class with Reception Miss Coughlan second.

Our Reading buddies this week are – Lucy Watkins from Orange class and Lucy Morris in Reception Miss Coughlan. Well done!



Great work Leo Tomlinson and Eleanor Wilcox – you've earned the top 'Lifetime Earnings'. Four children this year have achieved 'Rock Star Status' – Blake Fahy, Millie Anderson, Asmina Doshi and Matthew Walker – amazing work all of you!



Following on from the ideas for healthy barbecues in last week's newsletter, don't forget the amazing fruit options. Put it on a stick and children suddenly show an interest. Let them help make fruit kebabs and have a fruit yoghurt dip presented in a fancy dish! I love bananas cooked in their skins, wrapped up in foil and placed in the coals after the meat has been cooked. Grilled pineapple is also delicious and how about if you are toasting marshmallows, have a bowl of berries to complement them on the table too. Hopefully the sun will make lots of appearances for us!

Mrs Wells



Well done to **Sahib Singh Dhaliwal** and **Isabel Gent** who have gained most points this week.

Well done Green class for earning the top points this week



Well done everyone who has used Oxford Reading Buddy. I have had some wonderful feedback from parents on how it has helped support their children's reading progress during the school closure. I have had a few queries about how the levels are adjusted. I will check and move children up as necessary today and children will stay on the same log in over the summer. After that, the system does move children automatically but it can take 10 days to show up. Happy summer reading!

Mrs Lambert

