



Newsletter

Giles Junior School

“Achieving excellence through Leadership”

**Autumn
Term
Friday 11th
September
2020**

Giles Junior School News

We have made it through our first full week! The children continue to show how much they are enjoying being back at school and learning.

We are all certainly learning together and I would like to thank all our families for being patient while we make tweaks to our systems to keep everyone safe and avoid any additional stress for families.

From Monday there will be a one way system in operation for all pick ups and drop offs. We hope this will add an extra layer of safety and avoid the need to cross paths with multiple families. I will be putting signs up and doing my best to clarify the one way route.

Hopefully everyone has read the letter about the change of timings and systems for the start and end of the school day. We have been able to find solutions for families who have had difficulties due to siblings timings being different in other schools.

Being sent with this letter is an easy to read flow chart which helps support parents with the different scenarios they might have relating to their child being ill. We know parents are trying to make sure they do the right thing to prevent the spread of the virus, so we hope this will help make sure children are not off school for the wrong reasons and can return as soon as possible.

While we have been getting used to the new logistics the teachers have been busy finding out where the children are in terms of their learning. We are so pleased with how well the children have settled and are showing such commitment to their learning which will help us get the children back on track by the end of the year.

We are busy thinking of ways we will manage school events and opportunities to share learning with parents with the current rules in place. Further details will follow about these changes as they occur.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend and enjoys the good weather while it lasts. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Miss Whitby
Headteacher



PE Kits

We have found for some time that the time taken to change before and after PE eats in to their lesson time. Now seems a good time to develop a new routine with the children coming to school dressed in the PE kit and being sent home in it. Your child's PE days are listed below (year 6 have one lesson as it is extended).

When the weather turns colder the children will need to wear black jogging bottoms, their PE t-shirt and have either their Giles Junior jumper or fleece to wear over the top along with a warm coat.

Monday	Year 5	Year 6 girls
Tuesday	Year 4	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 5	
Thursday	Year 3	Year 4
Friday	Year 6 boys	

Term Dates 2020 / 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

Monday 26th October

Friday 30th October

Friday 4th December

Friday 18th December

~**Inset Day (school closed)**

~ First day of term for children

~ First day of half term

~ Last day of half term

~**Occasional Day (school closed)**

~ Last day of term (**school closes at 2pm**)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 5th January

Monday 15th February

Friday 19th February

Friday 26th March

~ **Inset day (school closed)**

~ First day of term for children

~ First day of half term

~ Last day of half term

~ Last day of term (**school closes at 2pm**)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 12th April

Tuesday 13th April

Monday 3rd May

Tuesday 4th May

Monday 31st May

Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June

Thursday 22nd July

~ **Inset Day (school closed)**

~ First day of term for children

~ **Bank Holiday (school closed)**

~ **Inset day (school closed)**

~ First day of half term

~ Last day of half term

~ **Inset day (school closed)**

~ Last day of term (**school closes at 2pm**)

Clubs for the Autumn Term 2020

Unfortunately we have not been able to start up any clubs yet this term. This will be reviewed at October half term and we will keep you informed. When it is safe for clubs to start running again, then information and the booking procedure will be sent out to all parents.

Attendance Procedures

Attendance is a priority at Giles and due to national safeguarding incidents, new safeguarding procedures have been put in place.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the office by 9:00am to inform us. If we have not heard anything by 9:30am, we will send a text message informing you of your child's absence and ask you to call the school office. If we have not heard from anyone by 10:00am, we will call the emergency contacts for your child.

If your child is then absent the following day and the school has not received a reason, then Safeguarding officers from Giles Junior School will make a visit to your house to check that your child is ok.

If you are aware in advance that your child will be absent, i.e. holidays, appointments, please complete an application for leave form (for holidays only) which is available from the school office and supply evidence of medical appointments.

Thank you for working with us to keep all our children safe.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

All children in our school are being offered a flu vaccine to be administered by the vaccination school nurse team. This will be taking place during the school day on Thursday 5th November and Tuesday 1st December 2020. A letter with further information and a consent letter has been sent out to all parents.

Please note that we will need a signed consent form returned for every child, stating whether it is a YES OR NO.

All forms to be handed back in to the class Teaching Assistant ASAP, thank you!

Please click on the link for further information :

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine-questions-and-answers/>

Year 5 Trip to West Stow

A trip has been arranged for Year 5 to visit an Anglo-Saxon village in West Stow. This will be taking place over two days. With one half of Year 5 attending on Wednesday 7th October and the other half attending on Thursday 8th October 2020. A letter will be going out to Year 5 parents very soon with further details. Once it has been decided which children will be going on what day then we shall let you know via the School Gateway App messages.

Reminders

Medication - Please ensure all inhalers or prescribed medication are in school and signed into the office.

Parent Post Box - Please can we encourage parents to use our post box in Reception. Any reply slips from letters can just be posted in there.

Application for leave of absence - If you need to request time off, please complete a leave of absence form and hand into the school office (these can be found in the reception area). No time requested during term time will be authorised, unless it is for exceptional circumstances.

School Gateway - Please make payments online for the following: dinner money, After School Clubs, Breakfast Club, Smiles at Giles (Giles Junior After School Club) and trips. Download the School Gateway app and search Giles Junior School. If you need help in activating your account please call the school office.



Healthy Snacks



Please make sure that you are sending children with a healthy snack for break time. We would consider that fruit or vegetables. An alternative might be some form of cereal or snack bar which was low in sugar and DOES NOT CONTAIN NUTS. We don't allow items covered in chocolate (these are also messy) and would not consider crisps as a healthy snack to have unless it is part of a balanced packed lunch.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

ADULT LEARNING

FOR HERTFORDSHIRE RESIDENTS

All of our courses are run remotely by a teacher who will guide and support you throughout, all in the safety and comfort of your own home!
You will converse and exchange ideas with fellow learners and so will still benefit from the social interaction of being with other like-minded learners.

ENROL FOR
SEPT 2020 NOW



Online courses
available for
Sept

Mindfulness	14/09/2020	Monday	1.00 - 3.00
Grow Your Mind	15/09/2020	Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00
Quilting - Sewing For Beginners	21/09/2020	Monday	10.00 - 12.00
Family Maths KS1	22/09/2020	Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00
Photography	22/09/2020	Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00
Writing for Pleasure and Profit	22/09/2020	Tuesday	1.00 - 3.00
Family Health ESOL	22/09/2020	Tuesday	1.00 - 3.00
Digital Skills for Work	22/09/2020	Tuesday	1.00 - 3.00
Becoming a Classroom Helper	22/09/2020	Tuesday	1.00 - 3.00
Building your Skills in Word and Excel	23/09/2020	Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00
Succeed and Get That Job	23/09/2020	Wednesday	1.00 - 3.00
Poetry for Beginners	24/09/2020	Thursday	10.00 - 12.00
Becoming a Midday Supervisor	24/09/2020	Thursday	10.00 - 12.00
Introduction to Health & Social Care	24/09/2020	Thursday	1.00 - 3.00
Intermediate Sewing	24/09/2020	Thursday	1.00 - 3.00
Family English Key Stage 1	25/09/2020	Friday	10.00 - 12.00
Succeed and Get That Job - ESOL	25/09/2020	Friday	10.00 - 12.00

BROWSE AND BOOK OUR COURSES AT
WWW.HERTFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK/HAFLSCOURSES



STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

Only ONE person to enter the office lobby at one time.

Please use the markers to wait outside until you are able to come in.

Remember to apply social distancing at all times.

Thank you!

Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home