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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Carer Update - August 2020

As the media ramp up going back to school headlines, I thought I would update you from a Galley Hill viewpoint. The government guidance has only had minor updates (so far), with a release of another update last night, which I am still digesting. If there are any other major changes I will keep you informed. We continue to adapt to the guidance as it is released, to maintain the safe return off all children.

Back to School Arrangements

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back on Wednesday 2nd September. Nursery children will start on different days in small groups and you will know the days that you are in, with all of the Nursery children being in from 17th September. Those who have opted for the 30 hours provision in Nursery should have received confirmation and this also starts from 17th September.

Face Coverings

There is quite a debate at the moment about face coverings in schools, although most centres around secondary schools, especially when moving around the school. Guidance from the government is that face coverings are not recommended in primary apart from some specific situations, such as dealing with first aid, children with symptoms and intimate care. Our policy remains the same for now, that all face coverings will need to be removed before entering school if worn on the way in.

Term Dates

Have been confirmed and can be found on the [website here](#).

As we get closer to welcoming the children back to school, here are a few questions that have come up recently:

Does my child need to bring a bag or pencil case?

There is no need to bring a bag in, unless you are doing PE that day. We will be letting you know when your PE days are on your first day in school, so you will not need a bag on Wednesday. We are trying to keep items in school to a minimum. There is also no need for pencil cases, so please don't bring one in. We will have all the stationary that you need and you will have your own pencil (and/or pen), ruler and colouring pens/pencils. You can bring a book bag if you feel that would be needed for exchanging reading books.

What will be on offer for lunch?

Lunch menus are still being finalised. As soon as I have them I will send them out to you all. All children, from those who are staying all day in Nursery to Year 6 can chose to have a school lunch when every they would like. You can bring your own lunch in your on lunch box if you would prefer. There is no need to place lunch in a disposable bag, normal lunch boxes are still ok to use. If your child is in Reception or Nursery, we will have 'extra hands' to help with the transition of having lunch at school, making the transition for them as smooth as possible.





What are the start and end times of the day?

To ensure that we can get everybody in and out of school safely, we will have a one way system in operation around the outside of school. This was in place in the summer term and worked well.
 The staggered start and finish times are there to ensure that we have a limited amount of people moving around the school site.
 We will release a short video on Tuesday showing classrooms and the entrances and exits for year groups.

Daily Schedule

The start and end time of school, as well as lunch times and breaks, will vary for each phase bubble:

Bubble	Start time	Morning Break	Lunch times	Afternoon Break	End time
EYFS Nursery and Reception	8:45am	10:15am– 10:45am (KS1 playground)	11:45am- 12:15pm	1:45pm – 2:10pm (KS1 playground)	3:00pm
KS1 Year 1 Year 1 / 2 Year 2	8:55am	10:15am– 10:45am (KS2 playground)	12:10pm–12:40pm	1:45pm – 2:10pm (KS2 playground)	3:10pm
LKS2 Year 3 Year 4	9:05am	10:45am– 11:15am (KS1 playground)	12:30pm– 1:00pm	2:10pm – 2:30pm (KS1 playground)	3:20pm
UKS2 Year 5 Year 6	9:15am	10:45am– 11:15am (KS2 playground)	12:50pm– 1:20pm	2:10pm – 2:30pm (KS2 playground)	3:30pm

I have been abroad, what should I do?

If you have recently come back from a country which was placed on a quarantine list while you were away, we ask that you let us know and follow the guidance and quarantine period before coming back to school.

If there is anything else, please do get in touch via the e-mail address schoolclosure@ghs.rac.sch.uk

I hope the children are looking forward to coming back to school, please be positive and don't forget to revisit their class teacher video, which can be found on our website, [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you all back next week.

Kind Regards,

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 Headteacher