



3rd January 2021

## School – Spring Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by wishing you all a, 'Happy New Year'.

As you will have no doubt heard, there have been lots of conversations and media coverage of schools returning in January. The wellbeing of the staff, the children and the whole of the Galley Hill community continues to be my main priority during this period of time.

I can confirm that we will be open tomorrow.

To ensure that we continue to minimise risk wherever possible, I ask that parents/carers wear face coverings at drop off and pick up and do not arrive on site earlier than the time stated. It is important that there is no congregation of people.

I would also reiterate that teachers will not be available to talk to face to face at the end of the day/beginning of the day. Staff will still be available; this will be by phone or by e-mail. There are new year group e-mail addresses that have been set up and will be distributed tomorrow.

I will continue to monitor everything within the risk assessment on a daily basis, ensuring that we continue to make school as safe as possible.

Timings remain the same as last term:

### Start of the day

- **EYFS**(Nursery and Reception through the **main entrance**) - 8:45 for 8:55 registration
- **KS1** (dropped off at **main gates**) - 8:55 to 9:00 am registration
- **KS2** (dropped off at the **main gates**)- 9:00 for 9:05 registration

Older siblings can be dropped off with younger and go straight to classroom

### End of the Day

- **Nursery 11:45am** for morning nursery or **3:30pm** for full day nursery (can pick up earlier if required) - from **Main Entrance**
- **Reception 3pm** - From **KS1 Playground** (If you have a buggy, from Main entrance. Please let us know and we can arrange)
- **KS1 3:10pm** From **KS1 Playground** (If you have a buggy, from Main entrance. Please let us know and we can arrange)
- **KS2 3:15pm** From **KS2 Playground** (If being collected or will leave via different door if walking home independently to avoid congestion)

Older sibling will be ready to collect with younger child's pick-up time, e.g child in Year 4 with sibling in Year 2 would be ready to collect from KS1 playground at 3:10pm. This means that you will still not have to wait for siblings, taking all children at the same time.



School bags are allowed in school.

Can I also please remind you all, to maintain social distancing; not to gather chatting at the front of the school after drop off or collection; and to inform the school as soon as possible if your child or a member of your household is showing symptoms (and therefore is isolating or awaiting test results) or has tested positive, via the google form found on the Newsletter every week or via the e-mail address [covid@galleyhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:covid@galleyhillprimary.co.uk)

I appreciate that there has been lots of media coverage, but we will continue to monitor the risk assessment and Department for Education and Public Health advice to make sure that we make every decision in the best interest of the whole school community.

On behalf of everyone at Galley Hill, we look forward to welcoming all the children back safely tomorrow and continue to work with you to ensure the safety of the children, staff and the wider community.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr McGeeney

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