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RE: Academy Update- Autumn 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope everyone remains safe and well, in these continuing difficult times. On Monday 5th July, the Prime Minister set out details of the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown. Final confirmation of this was announced on Monday 12th July, confirming that legal restrictions will end on Monday 19 July.

When England moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This will mark a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

As a result, the DFE are changing the controls that apply in early years, schools, colleges and higher education institutions to maintain a baseline of protective measures while maximising attendance and minimising disruption to children and young people's education. The DFE have published new guidance for arrangements in education settings from Step 4, covering both the summer period and the following term, when children will return to school.

- At Step 4 it is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). However, we are asked to make sure our outbreak management plans cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.
- From Step 4, face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, if there is an outbreak in school, a director of public health might advise you that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by staff and visitors, unless exempt).
- Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they should be sent home and they should follow public health advice.



Control measure that need to remain include:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Please follow the link below for the 'Step 4 update - what parents and carers need to know about early year's providers, schools and colleges'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

During the current academic year, we have been asked to work in different ways as a result of Covid-19 and whilst some of the measures that we have put in place we want to revert back to the old ways of working, there are numerous measures that have been a success and we wish to keep moving forward permanently. Some of these directly affect parents and carers and the purpose of this letter is to inform you of these with as much notice as possible.

What are my child's start and finish times and where do I drop them off/collect them from?

Class	Start time	Finish time	Drop off/collection point
Nursery	8:45am	2:45pm	FS1 entrance
Reception	8:40am * 8:45am	2:50pm* 2:45pm	Key stage 1 playground steps
Year 1	8:50 am	3:00pm	Year 1 entrance (A) (back of the school)
Year 2	8:50 am	3:00pm	Key stage 1 playground steps
Year 3	9:00am	3:10pm	Year 3/ 4 entrance (B) (back of school) Use current year 3 lockers
Year 4	9:00am	3:10pm	Year 5 /6 entrance (C) Use current year 6 lockers
Year 5	9:10am	3:20pm	Year 3/ 4 entrance Use current year 4 lockers
Year 6	9:10am	3:20pm	Year 5 /6 entrance Use current year 5 lockers

We ask that parents are strict to these times to avoid any additional parents on site and that parents do not congregate on the playground or around the school gates.



What will my child need to bring in to school?

- Their own water bottle (this must be taken home and cleaned each day).
- Parents/carers and children will be told when their PE day(s) are. On those days children are to come into school wearing their P.E. kit and remain in their kit for the day. N.B. Children will **NOT** be allowed to borrow spare P.E. kit so it is important that ALL children come to school in their kit.
- Reading books and home / School Diaries
- Homework
- Children who have sandwiches will need to bring their lunch either in a carrier bag or their lunch box.
- No pencil cases or personal equipment is allowed in school. The school will provide children with equipment

What provision is in place for school lunches?

The following options are available for children regarding lunch:

- Children (from reception to year 6) can bring in a packed lunch from home.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal under the government's Universal Free School Meal scheme.
- Parents can purchase a lunch for their child via Parent Pay.
- If your child is eligible for Free School Meals they can have a free school lunch.

Lunchtime menu options are on Parent Pay. We are asking parents, when booking a meal for their child via Parent Pay, to select what their child would like to eat from the options available. All pupils need to book their meals this way, even if they are entitled to free or universal meals.

When are my Child's PE days?

- Children are to come into school wearing their P.E. kit and remain in their kit for the day. N.B. Children will not be allowed to borrow spare P.E. kit so it is important that ALL children come to school in their Goldenhill kit.

Class	PE day(s)
Nursery	Friday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Monday and Tuesday pm (Forest Schools)
Year 4	Monday am Tuesday
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Monday (swimming) and Tuesday

Uniform expectations:

- Red jumper or cardigan
- White shirt (Key stage 2)
- White polo shirt (Foundation stage & Key stage 1)
- Grey or black trousers or skirt/red gingham dress
- Black shoes, no high heels (No Trainers)
- Smart black boots for winter
- No makeup or nail varnish
- No extreme haircuts or hair colours
- No sportswear /hoodies

Correct PE kit:

- Black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain red or white T-shirt
- Wrist watch and stud earrings (gold/silver only) (studs which the children can remove for PE)

All Key stage 2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be required to wear a shirt and school tie.

Although it is compulsory for all Key stage 2 children to wear shirt and ties from September, children in years 1 and 2 who wish to wear shirt and tie can purchase a tie from the school (from September) for the cost of £5.00

Children will be awarded 'Dojo's' for wearing correct PE kit and school uniform. If children are not wearing correct uniform, a letter will be sent out to parents reminding them of the academy expectations, which are agreed to, as part of the home-school agreement.

Homework:

- Homework will be issued by all classes and is expected to be returned on the following days:

Class / Year Group	Given Out	Handed In (if applicable)
FS1	Nursery Rhymes and Challenges based on the class topic as and when needed.	
FS2	Thursday *Via the Learning Book or Text	Completed on Learning Book
Y1	Friday	Thursday
Y2	Friday	Thursday
Y3	Thursday	Wednesday
Y4	Friday	Thursday
Y5	Friday	Thursday
Y6	Friday	Thursday

What if I need to pass a message onto the staff teaching my child?

If you have a message for a member of staff, please contact the main office or email the academy at: office@goldenhillprimary.org.uk. Staff will arrange a mutually convenient time to speak / meet with you.

How can I book a place at the Academy's before and after school club?

You can book a place for Care Club (for children in Reception-Year 6) by contacting:

- Care Club directly on **07932354363** between 7:30am-9:00am and 3:00-5:45pm
- The academy office on 01782 235790



Once you have booked a place please log into your Parent Pay account and pay for this by the end of the day. Please note any booking made are not secured until payment has been made via Parent pay.

Will morning bagels be available in September?

Yes, we will providing bagels. There will be a weekly donation of £1 (20p per day) for children who would like a daily bagel. Bagels will need to be booked via Parent Pay (in the same way school lunches are currently booked for). For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals (not including Universal Free School meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and children in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant, bagels will be free of charge (in line with the Magic Breakfast requirements).

Can my child bring in a morning snack?

Yes, children can bring in healthy snacks to eat during their break time. We try to promote healthy eating in school and so we ask children to bring in fruit or vegetables and/or cereal bars as a snack at playtime. In addition, Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 children have access to 'free' fruit.

Crisps, sweets and biscuits are not permitted. Unfortunately if children do bring these items to school for break time we will ask them to put them back into their bags and take them home. Children are only allowed to bring water into school as a drink, please do not fill drinks bottles with juice or any fizzy drink.

Some healthy snack foods:

- Cereal bars • Fresh cut-up fruit with yogurt for dipping • crackers • Fruit salad • Low-fat string cheese • Yogurt smoothie (yogurt, ice, milk and any type of fruit) • Popcorn • Banana (cut in half for younger children) • Apples, grapes, oranges cut into "smiles," or any kind of fruit.

CIF bid:

We are delighted to inform you that the academy has been successful in a funding application to extend the current main reception area and to add a new meeting room and toilet.

The work is scheduled to commence during the summer holidays but it is highly likely to continue into and throughout September. This will mean that there will be some disruptions to this part of school, including how some children enter and leave the academy and how parents and visitors access the main entrance.

Reception class children will need to enter and leave via the double gates on the Key Stage 1 playground and will be greeted by Mrs. Cookson by the stairs, who will then lead them to their classroom.

Any parents needing to come into school will need to enter by the delivery gates at the back of the school to the pedestrian gate by the hall.

Please note, even with the large degree of planning that has already happened, we will still need to review all of the new systems we have put into place and may have to make changes to them. If this is the case we will let parents know.

May I take this opportunity thank you our parents for their support and positive comments throughout this difficult year and wish you a fantastic summer break.

Please take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S Martin

Head Teacher

