

## **Settling into school**

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and hope that all children are excited about seeing their friends! Teachers appreciate that there will be some nerves and excitement and please be assured that they are ready to support all children. There will be lots of wellbeing/PSHE opportunities to help the children return to a normal school day alongside the return to usual teaching and learning. Teachers will be finding out who needs what, both academically and socially, over the first few weeks. To enable this, familiar resources such as the Oak Academy resources will be used at times.

Please refrain from contacting your child's teacher via the class email address from Monday, as those email accounts are for remote learning support and so will not be regularly checked now. For any urgent messages or to arrange a phone appointment with your teacher, please revert to phoning the school.

## **World Book Day and Red Nose Day**

We hope you enjoyed the World Book Day activities.

On Fri March 19th, we will mark Red Nose Day with a mad hair or hat day and encourage children to wear something red. So, start thinking of how to use hair gel and spray creatively or decorate a cap/hat in a crazy way! There are some fabulous ideas online –just google 'mad hair day ideas' or look on pinterest. Lots of ideas could be adapted onto hats or wigs! Donations of £1-£2 per child suggested, which can be done via Parent Pay.

## **Come to school in PE kit on these days**

Red Squirrels-Mon and Wed

Woodpeckers-Weds and Fri

Fallow Deer- Thurs

Dormice-Mrs Fawkes will arrange via Tapestry

## **Loaned devices**

Please return loaned devices on Monday 8th March, observing social distancing at the school office.

## **Reading records**

Please send reading record books to school with your child next week.

## **Uniform and Hair**

It is completely understandable if your child's uniform/shoes no longer fit and we appreciate that shoe shops are not open. Please do not worry; send your child in with the best alternatives you can until you can replace items.

Please support our normal expectations for no jewelry other than small studs, no tram lines or coloured hair. Earrings must be removed for PE. Thank you.

## **School dinners**

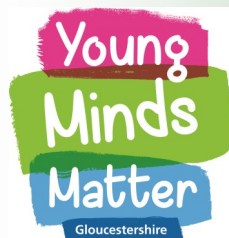
Caterlink will provide hot meals from 8th March. Please make sure you have credit in your Parent Pay account

## **Breakfast and after school club**

Please contact the office if you want to book child care at breakfast club or after school club.

## **Risk assessment**

School's Covid risk assessment has been updated and can be seen on our website, in the Policies and Documents section.



### **Remember:**

- Please practice social distancing whilst at school, wear a face covering, remain very vigilant for symptoms.
- Please ring with queries to avoid using the reception entrance.
- Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:
  - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

### **Drop off and collection**

It is the same as before Christmas-the poster has been sent on ourschools app and is on our website under 'Letters and Covid-19 information'.

Please arrive at your allotted time and help to keep bubbles separate as we want to avoid any partial closures!

If you have more than one child, all siblings can arrive together at the later slot. Little Dormice and Dormice combine as one bubble, due to smaller numbers.

### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college (from DfE):**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test and do not need to wear masks (even if 11 years of age).

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

**The nearest collection point is Hempstead Meadows (site of Gloucester Car Boot and Flea Market), Gloucester, GL2 5LE. It is open daily 1:30pm to 7pm.**