

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to a time when newsletters don't contain updates about Covid! Following the Government's announcements about Covid rules in schools, here is a summary of the main points for you:

From September:

- Bubbles will no longer be required for lesson time or lunchtimes
- Assemblies can resume
- Schools will no longer be responsible for track and trace in the event of a positive case
- A whole class will no longer be required to close and isolate if in close contact with a positive case at school. All close contacts (identified by NHS Track and Trace) will be encouraged to take PCR test
- Face coverings are no longer advised in classes or communal areas
- An outbreak management plan will be in place alongside revised Covid risk assessment
- Children, staff or visitors who have symptoms must not attend; they must isolate and get a PCR test
- School will continue to provide remote learning for children who are isolating

The following control measures will still be in place:

- 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.**

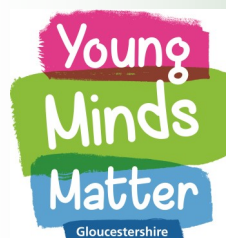
More information can be found by following this link:

<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>

Implications for September

We can arrange shared playtimes, lunch plays and assemblies; face coverings will not be required inside or on the yard. There haven't been any announcements about inviting parents back onto site yet, so we will update you on that when we know. We are sure there will be a lot of information coming through to schools over the next week!

As we don't have to maintain separate bubbles, we don't have to have staggered timings for drop off/collection and will revert to an 8:50 am registration start. We will have a staggered pick-up to alleviate parking difficulties and we politely encourage you to leave promptly to help other parents with parking.



The arrangements for drop off are:

Parents of pre-school children, please park and walk your child in for 8:50 am. Please go to the hut (through the gate on the bottom yard) to meet the early years staff.

Reception parents, please park and walk your child in through the reception gate between 8:40 and 8:50 to drop off outside the reception class, where staff will be ready to welcome you.

Parents of Y1-Y6 children are encouraged to 'drop off and go' between 8:40 and 8:50am rather than park, whenever possible. This means driving down the lane past the main school reception and stopping outside the yard gate. Your child can get out under the supervision of staff who will be there to welcome them on to the yard to line up ready to go in at 8:50am for registration. If your child prefers you to walk to the gate with them, then please do park up, but note that you may need to park at a distance.

Please can all drivers exercise caution and drive slowly (we have had two complaints from other parents this week about cars driving too fast past the school gates).

The arrangements for pick-up are:

Pre-school: 2:50pm preschool parents collect from the hut's outside area; the yard gate will be opened from 2:45pm for you. Please leave promptly whenever possible to free up car park spaces for others.

Reception: Pick up from area outside the reception class. Please arrive 2:50-3pm and where possible, please leave promptly to free up car park spaces for others.

Y1-6: Pick up from yard from 3pm-3:10pm. Wherever possible, please share pick-ups with friends, so there are less cars trying to park. Apologies, but we cannot accommodate all cars within close proximity to the yard, so please allow time to park up and walk to the school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01594 542287

Reports

Teachers are preparing reports at the moment and these will come to you via email or Tapestry during the week beginning 12th July.

Please contact school if you would like to make a phone or virtual appointment with your child's teacher(s). If we don't have your email address, please email the class email, so the report can be sent to you. If you would prefer a paper copy, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Little Dormice and Dormice information will be sent individually to parents via Tapestry.