



# GORSE HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst we are very pleased that we will be able to welcome all children back in September, **we are not going to be open to any pupils over the summer holidays** to allow all staff and pupils to have a proper break.

The Government have now released their guidance for the full reopening of schools in September and we were keen to let you know our plans as soon as possible to enable you to prepare. Therefore, we have worked hard to put together a plan which meets the guidance, keeps pupils and staff safe and ensures that school can operate effectively.

## **Arriving and Leaving School**

This is the trickiest time to organise. We need to stagger it to reduce the amount of adults and pupils moving around school at any one time, but enabling siblings to arrive at the same time is also important. Therefore, we have organised it alphabetically:

- child's surname begins with A-H, they will arrive at 8.40am and leave at 3.05pm
- child's surname begins with I – P, they will arrive at 8.50am and leave at 3.15pm
- child's surname begins with Q-Z, they will arrive at 9.00am, and leave at 3.25pm

They will enter and exit through their external classroom door (please refer to transition booklet and table attached). Please let us know if your child will be attending a before or after school club or childminder, as we will arrange for those children to arrive and leave at the same time.

It is essential for everyone's safety that you stick to the timings and keep the number of people dropping off/collecting to a minimum. Please respect social distancing and do not try to talk to members of staff at the classroom doors as it causes queues and puts everyone at risk. Please telephone the office, use the app or send an email instead.

## **Year group bubbles**

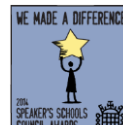
Children will be kept in year group bubbles so they will only mix with other pupils from their year group. This will enable groups like Phonics and streamed maths ability groups (Year 5 and 6) to continue, and is the only way of enabling staggered outdoor play for all. It also means that if there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus, we will only need to send that year group home.

## **Playtimes**

Playtimes will be staggered throughout the day (see attached timetable). Two year group bubbles will be out at the same time, but the playground will be divided into two sections so the bubbles don't mix.

## **Lunchtime**

Sharing the dinner hall is a major problem. Therefore, only the children who choose to have a school dinner will eat in the dinner hall and they will be kept with their year group in staggered slots (see attached timetable). Children on packed lunches will eat in their classrooms. This arrangement means that we can no longer accommodate children regularly changing between packed lunches and school dinners and we will require a full half term's notice for any change.



### **Toilets and handwashing**

The guidance says that toilets can be shared as normal, but they must be cleaned more frequently, which we will ensure happens throughout the day. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more often throughout the day (especially before/after eating) and there will be a good supply of hand sanitiser and hand soap at all sinks.

### **Sharing Resources**

Children will be provided with individual key resources such as pencils and whiteboards that will not be shared. Other classroom resources that have to be shared (e.g. maths equipment and a lot of EYFS resources) will be cleaned after use.

### **Bringing items to and from school**

Children MUST bring their own water bottle every day. They can bring a school bag but please avoid any unnecessary items (e.g. toys). Homework and reading books can be sent home and returned as normal.

### **Assemblies**

There will be no assemblies or gatherings of more than one year group until the guidance changes.

### **Uniform**

Please wear school uniform as normal. It does not need to be cleaned daily but please ensure good levels of general hygiene.

### **P.E.**

Please send in P.E. kits as usual. There will be no contact sports or team games, and it will be outside as much as possible, but some form of P.E. will take place every week.

### **If someone displays Coronavirus symptoms**


We have a clear procedure to follow from Tameside. The child will be isolated in a separate room and their adult called to collect them. If they test positive, their year group bubble will also be sent home and remote learning will be provided. More information on this will be provided in September.

There are timetables and further details on the next pages.

We hope this provides a comprehensive overview of our plans, and assures you that we have followed Government guidance carefully to ensure the best possible safety AND learning experiences for the children. If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the children in September and we wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Flood (Headteacher)

## Overview of Classes

	Nursery	RLP	RRB	1CH	1PH	2JC	2LG
Entrance/ Exit	Nursery	RLP door	RRB door	1CH door	1PH door	Year 2 door	Year 2 door
Toilet	Nursery	RLP	RRB	Year 1	1PH	Year 2	Year 2
Break am	TBA	10.10-10.25	10.10-10.25	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45
Lunch hour	11.45-12.45	11.45-13	11.45-13	11.45-12.45	11.45-12.45	11.45-12.45	11.45-12.45
Lunch indoors	TBA	11.45-12.15	11.45-12.15	12.15-12.45	12.15-12.45	12.15-12.45	12.15-12.45
Lunch outdoors	TBA	12.15-13	12.15-13	11.45-12.15 (before food)	11.45-12.15 (before food)	11.45-12.15 (before food)	11.45-12.15 (before food)
Break pm	TBA	13.55-14.10	13.55-14.10	14.15-14.30	14.15-14.30	14.15-14.30	14.15-14.30

	3CH	3AF	4JW	4KS	5BL	5GB	6JC	6JR
Entrance/ Exit	Year 3 door	Year 3 door	Year 4 door	Year 4 door	5BL door	Photocopier door	6JC door	6JR door
Toilet	KS2	KS2	KS2	KS2	KS2	KS2	KS2	KS2
Break am	10.50-11.05	10.50-11.05	10.50-11.05	10.50-11.05	11.10-11.25	11.10-11.25	11.10-11.25	11.10-11.25
Lunch Hour	12.15-13.15	12.15-13.15	12.15-13.15	12.15-13.15	12.45-13.45	12.45-13.45	12.45-13.45	12.45-13.45
Lunch indoors	12.45-13.15	12.45-13.15	12.45-13.15	12.45-13.15	13.15-13.45	13.15-13.45	13.15-13.45	13.15-13.45
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Break pm	14.35-14.50	14.35-14.50	14.35-14.50	14.35-14.50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a