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'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

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Arrangements for Giffards Primary School - September 2023

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Dates

Pupils will return on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**. Children in Years EYFS, 1, 2, and 4 will go to their new classrooms, where their new teachers will meet them – this is where they had their transition days, so pupils are familiar with their new rooms. On Wednesday only, **Year 3 children should go to the KS2 Hall entering via the children's entrance, class teachers will be there to meet the children. A teacher will be on the entrance to greet pupils and show children where to go. Year 5 and 6 pupils will be greeted on the playground by their class teachers and taken to class.** Breakfast Club will be open from 7.30 am at a cost of £3. Please make payment via your child's SCOpay account.

After School Club

Following on from our recent surveys, we are delighted to announce that we have partnered with Junior Adventures Group (JAG) as the school's NEW After School & Holiday Club Provider from September 2023. We are very keen for this provision to be supported so that it will remain at Giffards. Please see the link below for some more information that you might find helpful: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/giffards-primary-school>

The After School Club will run Monday to Friday during term time starting on Wednesday 6th September. After School Club sessions will run from 3.15pm - 6pm at a cost of £13.50 per session. Please use the link below to create an account and book sessions: To book, please initially create an account and secure your place online at: <https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

Start and finish times.

All gates will be open by 8.40am. From September we have extended the school day; children at KS1 finish at 3.10 pm and KS2 at 3.15 pm. We would encourage all children to be ready to enter school at 8.40am.

EYFS (see also separate letter sent with your Induction Pack re staggered timings for the first 2 weeks)

For the first three days, we understand that some parents may wish to accompany their child into class, we ask that this is for a brief period of time. Pupils can find settling harder whilst parents are around. Parents will need to exit from the class door leading to the outside area to avoid congestion.

Key Stage 1

All pupils should be dropped off at the children's entrance at KS1. The gates will open by 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Learning activities and work will be out in class for pupils to do as soon as they arrive. The first taught lesson will start after the register finishes. Please do try and ensure pupils are on time.

All KS1 and EYFS pupils finish at 3.10 pm; a member of staff will unlock the gates at 3.05 pm.

EYFS – both classes collected from the classroom door

Year 1 - 1NH to be collected from the classroom and 1TR is to be collected from the KS1 playground.

Year 2 - both classes to be collected from the KS1 playground. Parents/carers to form an orderly line around the perimeter of the playground.

Key Stage 2

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The gates will open at 8.40am and close by 8.50am. Learning activities and work will be out in class for pupils to do as soon as they arrive. The first taught lesson will start after the register finishes. Please do try and ensure pupils are on time.

Years 3 and 4 pupils will enter via the main school gate. Parents must exit by the school house. There is a one-way system to follow.

Years 5 and 6 pupils will enter via the KS2 small playground.

KS2 - Collection times and arrangements.

All KS2 pupils finish at 3.15pm

- Year 3 children are to be collected from the same place they were dropped off in the morning, please enter via the main school gate and exit by the school house. There is a one-way system to follow.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 are to be collected from the KS2 small playground.

At the end of the day, pupils must be collected at the times above. Please do leave the premises as soon as you have collected your child to avoid congestion.

Late pupils

We appreciate that many parents ensure their children arrive on time. Thank you!

- Gates will be locked at 8.50 am. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the main pedestrian gate by the car park and use the buzzer. The children will need to enter via the main office and the late book completed.
- We ask that parents are on time each day to drop off and collect to avoid this.

PE lessons

- For lesson 1 - Your child will need to come in wearing - black PE shorts and white T-shirt with trainers underneath a plain dark track suit, **NOT** football, team strips or brightly coloured. Parents will receive a group call explaining when this lesson is and receive a message the night before as a reminder.
- For lesson 2 – please bring into school on the first day a PE bag (Giffards draw string bags are available from our uniform suppliers – details are on our website) With a pair of black shorts and white T shirt and black plimsolls. PE bags to remain in school.
- Please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or the children have tape to cover their earrings.

School Lunches

The meals are provided by Thurrock Catering Services. From the 1st September 2023, school meals will cost £2.50 per day for children in KS2 (all KS1 children are entitled to a meal at no cost to the parent/carer as it is funded by the government). Weekly menus can be found on our website at <https://giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk/current-parents/lunch-menu/> Each child chooses their main course daily as this ensures that each child gets the food that they want. Please note that as the cook is only allowed to cook the meals that are ordered children have to have the meal they ordered that morning. All meals have to be ordered by 9.30am each day and so if your child is going to be late for any reason and will require a school dinner, please call us and let us know what they would like as, without exception and even if they are entitled to a free school meal, if a child is late and hasn't pre-ordered a meal the cook will be unable to provide a lunch for them. Although school dinners are ordered daily they are payable for in advance each Monday, or the first day of the week that the school is open. Dinner money can be paid on-line or via credit/debit card. We do not take cash payments for dinners. Written permission is required for children in the KS2 going home for dinner. Children who go home for lunch may return at 12.50pm and should be both collected and report back to Main Office.

We hope everyone has an amazing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back on Wednesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Haslam-Davis
Headteacher