



Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsjs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Julia Chalfen

Newsletter 02/2020

4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back. It is wonderful to have a school full of children! I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school community. The children have responded very positively to our new ways of working due to Covid-19. Their behaviour has been fabulous! We are all in need of a rest this weekend ready for our first full week next week.

Staffing News

Mrs Houghton, our Inclusion Manager and SENCO, who has worked at the school for 20 years, will be retiring at the end of September. Mrs Goldman is currently our acting SENCO and is working closely with Mrs Houghton to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils.

Ms Chalfen, our School Business Manager for the last 5 years will be leaving the school at the end of September. Ms Bailey has been employed as School Business Manager and is currently working in school with Ms Chalfen to ensure a smooth handover.

I would like to thank both Mrs Houghton and Ms Chalfen for their hard work and support over their time in the school.

Mobile Phones

Most schools now are not allowing pupils to bring in mobile phones for safeguarding reasons. Exceptional circumstances will be considered for Y5/Y6 pupils and a request should be put in writing to the head teacher. Smart phones with cameras and access to the internet will not be permitted.

School Uniform

Children should start the school day looking clean and smart and wearing the correct uniform. Class teachers monitor uniform very closely. Please ensure that hair clips etc., are in school colours and not too decorative. Socks and tights should also be in the correct school colours. Full details of our uniform can be found on the website: <http://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=244>

PE Kit - Important New Policy

From Monday 7th September, when your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their track suit**. They will wear it for the whole day. It is important you make a note of your child's PE days. For the first half term the children will do PE in their track suit bottoms and PE shirt. If you have not yet purchased the new PE Kit, please ensure that your child wears plain blue coloured track suit bottoms (no branded kit). Our aim is that over time everyone will purchase the new kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

PE Days	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	Monday Wednesday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday, Thursday	6G Wednesday, Friday 6S Wednesday, Friday 6J Thursday, Friday

Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Funtime is pleased to announce that they will be re-opening on Monday 14th September for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places MUST be booked in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com





Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsjs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Julia Chalfen

School Lunches

Mrs Morgan Chiswick, our Welfare Assistant administers school lunch monies:

- Payment must be made online through your ParentMail account (Payments>Shop). Cashless payments is a safer and more convenient payment method for parents and reduces administration for the school.
- Lunch money should always be paid in advance. Credits are made to your account if your child is absent from school.
- Parents are politely requested to ensure that they do not allow their lunch accounts to fall into arrears. The cost of school lunch is **£11.70 per week** or **£86.58 for the first half of the Autumn Term 2020.**
- Free School Meals: If you think that you are eligible, please contact Ms Chalfen in the school office to apply.

Admin Email Contact Details – Who to Contact

Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk for attendance (including late pick up arrangements), welfare and lunch monies.

Ms Chalfen / Ms Bailey at office@gsjs.barnetmail.net for ParentMail and free school meal queries and to notify the school of any changes in your contact details.

ParentMail

Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** using ParentMail - please look out for them! As it is the start of term a paper copy will also be sent out on Monday.

ParentMail is used for all other communication from the school, including emergency messages regarding school closures etc., either by text, or by email. It is your responsibility to keep your ParentMail account updated with any contact detail changes by logging into your 'Settings'. **Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details for our own records system.**

In addition, we expect **all** payments for school purchases for your child to be made online through your ParentMail account. (Go to 'Payments' and then 'Shop'). If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact Ms Chalfen in the school office as soon as possible.

School Street Scheme- Restricted Access to Childs Way at Drop off and Pick up Times

Barnet Council is pleased to confirm that a temporary School Street scheme is being introduced to Garden Suburb Junior and Infant School with a target launch date of Monday 7th September 2020. The letter attached provides detailed information about what the scheme is, how it will operate, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please read the letter attached for more details, especially if you want to avoid getting a penalty fine!

School Fund

A reminder to both existing and new parents who have not yet contributed this year: we do appreciate the contribution of £20 per family per year, towards the school fund. This money is spent in various ways for classroom extras. **You will find the item available to pay in your ParentMail shop under Donations > School Fund (Juniors).**

The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

