

Garden Suburb Junior School

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25th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The Garden Suburb Junior School Plan for September 2020

I have made plans with my team to reopen the school in September 2020. Please read this letter carefully, particularly with regards to drop off and pick up arrangements.

We are following guidance from the DfE and have conducted risk assessments. We have also consulted with staff and governors to agree our model. Our new risk assessment is on our website for you to read.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=COVID%2D19+information&pid=1596>

All children will be expected to return to full-time education from September. The aim of our new model is to 'reduce contact and maximise distance'. We will endeavour to limit the points at which the infection could be spread, by keeping pupils in separate, isolated year groups throughout the school day, wherever possible, with a staggered arrival, dismissal, break and lunch time.

Bubbles/Groups

All 30 children in each class will be back in school for the full school day. 'Bubbles' will be expanded to encompass entire year groups of children and staff.

Drop off and pick up

Drop off

All year groups will soft start and can arrive between: 8:40a.m. – 9:05a.m.

Pick up

Year 3 and 4: 3:15p.m.

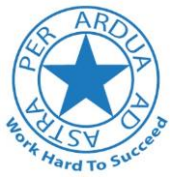
Year 5 and 6: 3:25p.m.

Parents are requested not to enter the playground before their pick up time and to leave the playground promptly to reduce congestion.

- Parents will only be allowed to use the main gate
- A parent waiting area is marked on the playground
- Parents who have children in different year groups will wait with their child in the parent waiting area
- There will be a dismissal area for each year group

Each class teacher will dismiss their children from their year group area. Children will line up in front of the teacher in 2 lines of 15.





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Year 3

During the first week back (Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September)

In order to support the welfare of the Year 3 children, they should arrive at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd and 4th September.

They will be greeted by their class teachers in the playground and will be guided to their classrooms.

From Monday 7th September the Year 3 children can arrive with the rest of the school between 8:40am-9:05am.

Changes to Classroom set up

There will not be any fixed social distancing requirements for pupils in primary school from September. As all children will be in school full-time, social distancing will not always be possible but reasonable measures will be put in place to achieve this where it is possible. Staff will distance themselves by teaching from the front of the class, where possible. The aim of this new model is to 'reduce contact and maximise distance'. The guidance states that staff are advised to spend no more than 15 minutes, at any one time, closer than 1m to anyone. Classrooms will be set up so that pupils and desks all face forward, rather than facing each other.

- 2 children will be able to sit on 1 singular table, facing the front of the class.
- Children's individual stationery will be kept in their class tray.

Breaktime for children

There will be staggered play times outside for year groups and they will play in different halves of the playground.

Year 3 and Year 4 – 10:10 a.m. – 10:25a.m.

Year 5 and Year 6 – 11:00a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Lunchtime for children Lunch times will be staggered for lower and upper school.

Year 3/4 lunch timing: 12:00 – 1pm

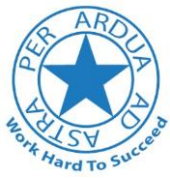
12:00 – 12:40 p.m. – Year 3 and 4 will have lunch in the dining and main hall in separate halves of the halls.

Year 5/6 lunch timing: 12:25 – 1:25pm

12:45 – 1:25 p.m. – Year 5 and 6 will have lunch in the dining and main hall in separate halves of the halls.

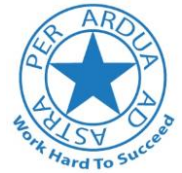
- Hot lunches will be provided in the dining hall.
- A meat or vegetarian meal option will be pre-plated for children to pick up from the hatch.
- **Packed lunches** will be eaten in the main hall which will be set up with tables and benches.





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There will be:

- Clear expectations of the behaviour of the children with respect to minimising contact and maximising distance
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser
- PPE for staff to use in certain circumstances eg when social distancing is not possible and in the medical room
- Prompt action by the school should there be a member of the community that tests positive for Covid-19 and guidance from Public Health will be followed.

We expect parents to:

- be vigilant about ensuring that they do not send their child to school if they or any member of their family has been exposed to and/or is not well and/or displaying symptoms of Covid-19
- engage with test and trace arrangements
- be vigilant if travelling abroad and adhere to any quarantine periods that are in place on return
- be available to collect their children immediately, if asked to do so for any reason
- be aware of and follow the school guidance at drop off and pick up

The full range of government guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIut_3maPU6gIVeU7tCh0DGwVXEAAAYASAAEgJek_D_BwE

Home Learning

Staff received training on a new online platform in July. We plan to teach the children and parents how to use this platform during the first few weeks of September. More details to follow.

Clubs and Childcare

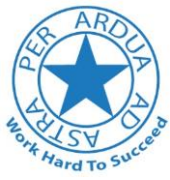
We are hoping to start up our Funtime breakfast club and after-school provision as soon as possible, but this will not happen initially. We will need to check numbers and see if children can be accommodated in groups according to their year groups or classes.

Other after-school and lunchtime clubs will not run in September - we will review this and hope to start them after the October half-term.

Attendance

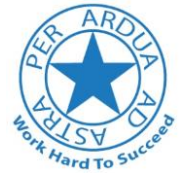
Parents need to be aware that the attendance of pupils will be compulsory in September. Please see the link to a short film aimed at children, with young people voicing over what to expect when they return to school in September. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxDF5YKFaFk&feature=emb_title





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This film covers:

- the fact that the return to school in September **will be compulsory for all**
- the changes students can expect to see around school
- what bubbles mean
- where to go for support
- a reminder of good hygiene
- how to get to school safely.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

We are prioritising the emotional health and wellbeing of the children, in particular during the first half of the autumn term. A series of lessons have been planned for all year groups to recognise the difficult situation the children have faced during the last academic year. We will be focusing, in particular, on re-establishing good learning behaviours and assessing the needs of all individuals. More details of good learning behaviours can be found on our website:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Building+Learning+Powers&pid=480>

The children who returned to school last term, to say goodbye to their teachers and meet their new teachers, will have already experienced some of these PSHE lessons. In addition, your child's old teacher will have met with their new teacher and shared any relevant information.

Soon after the start of term we will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to share any additional information about your child's experiences. However, if you have any urgent information regarding your child's wellbeing that you need to share before the start of term, please email our welfare officer Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk (and copy in the school office) and a member of staff will contact you.

Academic Progress

We are aware of concerns about the impact of not attending school on your child's academic progress. During the first half of the autumn term we will be recapping and assessing the impact of this lost time in school and planning accordingly for groups and individuals. More details to follow over the coming weeks.

We look forward to welcoming all of the children back next Thursday 3rd September.

Enjoy the rest of the holiday and I hope the weather improves!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher

