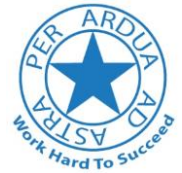


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Newsletter 03/2020

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

You will have received a letter on Wednesday regarding a case of Covid-19 within our school community. We are required to follow the advice from Public Health and are very sorry that 5G, and the Year 5 teachers, have had to self-isolate so early in the term.

The rest of the children are settling into their new classes very well and have had a successful first full week in school.

Please be aware that we will not be disclosing any details of who the person is within our community who has tested positive and it is **not helpful** if parent/carers encourage discussions of this kind. I can assure you that we work very closely with Public Health and the Covid Response Team to ensure the safety of everyone whilst limiting the disruption to your child's education.

We have managed to cover the two Year 5 classes with supply teachers, Mrs King (who worked in the school last year) and Mrs Patel (agency supply), to enable the children to continue to attend school. **Wherever possible, we will keep the children in school and avoid returning to home learning.**

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, you must seek advice from NHS 111 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or you can speak on the phone by calling 111. They will advise you if you should book a Covid-19 test. Please inform Mrs Morgan-Chiswick of any test results by email: mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Home Learning

We are currently training the children in school to use a new online platform called 'Showbie' which allows for a more efficient system for children to be set, complete and return homework for feedback. We will use this platform for homework soon (some of the classes are already having a go) so that you and your child become familiar with the system should we have to move to 'home learning', for any reason, in the future. In the meantime, the school website is being used to support children who have to self-isolate.

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for bearing with us while we establish our systems for drop off and pick up. **Please wear a mask if you are entering the playground as social distancing, especially at pick up, is difficult.** Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback and are helping us review our systems.

Drop off: 8:40am and 8:55am.

The 'soft start' drop off is working very well. Children can now be dropped off between **8:40am and 8:55am**

If you arrive after 8:55am you are late! However, we do understand if you are late because you are trying to avoid over-crowding on public transport. During the soft start children complete revision tasks, so it's worth getting to school as early as possible so that your child can take advantage of these additional learning opportunities.

Pick up

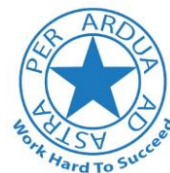
Pick up has proved to be more of a challenge. We want to maximise learning time whilst at the same time trying to avoid over-crowding. It is difficult for us to safely open up too much of the playground, as waiting areas, as we have many trip hazards etc. (due to needing cones and so on to create identified areas, in order to keep the year group bubbles separate during playtime).





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It is really important that a close eye is kept on younger siblings and toddlers and, for health and safety reasons, the children should not use the climbing equipment or scoot around the playground. **Please do not bring dogs with you. They are not allowed in the playground and it is a health and safety concern if you leave them in Childs Walk.**

Pick up times are:

3:15pm Year 3 and Year 4

3:25pm Year 5 and Year 6

- We will open the gates at 3:00pm to avoid overcrowding in Childs Walk. Please be aware that there may be PE lessons taking place, which should not be disturbed, in part of the playground.
- Try not to arrive too early.
- In order to reduce over-crowding by the gate and trim trail, please gather in the waiting area (in between the yellow lines) next to where your child's class gathers for dismissal. Your child will now not be dismissed to you unless you are standing in the area close to your class. There will be staff to direct you.
- Leave the playground promptly after picking up your child. Please do not remain in the playground after picking up.

Communication with Teachers

This year we are continuing to use the class teachers school email boxes for parents to communicate directly with their class teacher regarding any issues you need to share about your child. We cannot guarantee these emails are read on a daily basis. Please note that children are not permitted to email their teacher.

All attendance and welfare issues must still be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Year 3

Mrs H Jain	3G	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Gardner	3J	3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Mrs D Lovatt & Mrs K Felton	3S	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Year 4

Ms C Miley	4G	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Mrs K Margolis	4J	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Mr P McGwinn	4S	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Year 5

Mr J David	5G	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss S Levin	5J	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss I Clarke	5S	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

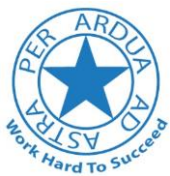
Year 6

Miss H Grabiner	6G	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Childs	6J	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Quinn	6S	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

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





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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 and should be emailed to the class teacher. Smart phones with cameras and access to the internet will not be permitted.

PE Kit – Well done everyone!

It was wonderful to see the children in their PE kits on their PE days this week. We were so pleased with how this new initiative went. Please keep a note of your child's PE day, detailed below, and ensure that they wear their kit to school on these days.

Year 3 Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: **6G** Wednesday and Friday

6S Wednesday and Friday

6J Thursday and Friday

Your child will have two PE sessions each week. The outdoor games session will be taught by their class teacher. The other session will be taught by our new sports coach, Mr Nearchou, who started working at the school this week. He will teach the PE lesson as part of the planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time the teachers have each week. This half term he is teaching dance units to each year group. Ask your children to tell you about their lesson this week – they should be able to teach you some new dance moves!

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 are 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 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.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you for your donations of school uniform. Look out for a ParentMail regarding a second hand uniform sale next week. We are planning to hold it on the school field as the weather forecast is good.

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).**

Yours sincerely

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

