



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for being extra vigilant about monitoring the health of your children. Although it is important that children do not miss school, we all appreciate the efforts that parents have made to keep their children at home if they are displaying symptoms that could be Covid-19. Thank you also for keeping Mrs Morgan Chiswick updated with test results. The good news is that there have been no positive tests within our community this week.

## 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, please do not bring them to school. 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. To book a test you can also call 119. Please inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results by email: [mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk)

## Home Learning

In the event of a school closure or need to self-isolate, from October onwards, 'Showbie' will be used for home learning, where tasks, Loom lessons and instructional videos will be uploaded. During September, the homework will be simple tasks, as the purpose will be to focus on the skill of learning how to access, complete and submit work using 'Showbie'. This will also give teachers an opportunity to practise how to use these resources and give feedback to pupils to enhance their engagement and learning experience.

An email and paper copy of a guide for parents was sent home this week. If you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher using your class email.

## Drop off: 8:40am to 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

It is really important that a close eye is kept on younger siblings and toddlers. 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.**

## To reduce over-crowding by the gate and trim trail:

- Please gather in the playground 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.
- Try not to arrive too early.
- Leave the playground promptly after picking up your child. Please do not remain in the playground after picking up.





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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.

## 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. These emails are detailed on the school website: <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

Urgent messages should be sent to the School Business Manager, Ms Chalfen / Ms Bailey in the school office [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

All attendance and welfare issues must still be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at [mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk)

## Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Funtime is open 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](mailto:Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com)

## Individual Photographs

Our school photographer will be visiting the school on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to take individual photographs of all pupils. Please ensure that your child is neat and tidy in the correct uniform.

It is the Year 6 PE day and the children should come to school in their PE kit as usual. If you wish your Y6 child to wear their yellow polo shirt for their photograph, please send it with them to change into.

This year we will not be having photographs taken for siblings, as we want to minimise pupil movement across bubbles. The photo proofs will be sent home in your child's school bag.

## Bike to School Week

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we will be taking part in 'Bike to School Week' to promote the many benefits of cycling to school. We have given each of the children a 'Dr Bike' checklist' so they are able to check that their bike is safely set up, ready for them to ride. Children will be rewarded with house points and stickers for cycling to school and there's even an opportunity for one lucky pupil to win a fabulous prize. Check out the competitions page in the Pupil Learning Zone for more information.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms Chalfen, our Administrator/School Business Manager who has worked at the school for the last five years. Ms Chalfen's last day is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. She has worked tirelessly to support the pupils, parents, staff and governors and will be greatly missed. We all wish her well for the future. From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September Ms Bailey, who has been working closely with Ms Chalfen since the start of term, will take over the role.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

