

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year!

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new families who will be joining the school.

**The first day for the children is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** Y4, Y5, and Y6 will have their soft start as usual from 8:45am.

**Y3 children** may arrive a little later on their first day. They will line up in the playground in their class groups and parents should come into the playground and wait with their child. School staff will be there to support you and the children getting to the correct line. The Year 3 children will go into school with their class teacher at 9:10am. After the first day the Y3 children will soft start from 8:45am like all other year groups.

**Please note** - only Y5 children should come in their PE kit on the first day as they are the only year group who will have PE on the first day back.

## School Lunch

I am sure by now that you will have heard on the news that our Mayor has confirmed that all **Primary School** aged children will be eligible for **Universal Free School Meals** for a period of 1 year from September. If your child prefers to bring in their own packed lunch, that is also fine.

The teachers will take a lunch register in class so **please ensure that your child is clear if they are having a packed lunch.** Moving forward, you will then need to keep the school informed of any changes to lunch arrangements by emailing Mrs Morgan Chiswick [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net).

**Please note below some general information below:**

## 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>

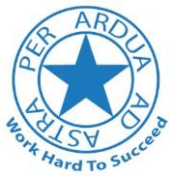
## Attendance and Punctuality

**School starts at 8:55am and your child is late if they arrive after this time.**

Mrs Morgan-Chiswick manages attendance and she should be informed by email [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net), before 9am, if your child is not well enough to attend school.

Please also email the school, in advance, should you need to request absences for any other reason e.g. for religious festivals, school visits and medical appointments.





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## The end of the school day:

Y3 and Y4 – 3:20pm

Y6 and Y6 – 3:25pm

For safeguarding reasons, parents are asked to wait until all children have been dismissed before trying to talk to the class teacher.

We have our designated 'parent waiting area' painted on the playground to support with ensuring the safety of your children. In order to safeguard your children, parents are asked not to cross the red line. Please also ensure that children (especially younger siblings) do not play on the equipment, scoot or ride their bikes in the playground.

**Lone Travellers** - Parents need to complete a 'Lone Travelling' form if children are travelling to or from school without an adult. This is only permitted for Y5 and Y6 pupils. Please request this from Mrs Morgan-Chiswick [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## 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.

## PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

When your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their PE kit**. They will wear it for the whole day. 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.

**Year 3** Monday and Thursday

**Year 4** Tuesday and Wednesday (On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Y4 **will not** have PE so should come in uniform)

**Year 5** Tuesday and Thursday (On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Y5 **will have** PE so should come in PE KIT)

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

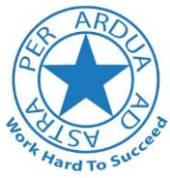
**6S** Wednesday and Friday

**6J** Thursday and Friday

**ParentMail – Keep informed!** *If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact Ms Bailey in the school office as soon as possible.* Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! 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.**





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## Making contact with the school

We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email and directed to the following contacts below:

**Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements** Mrs Morgan Chiswick, [welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## Class teachers

Miss Hovell **3J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss Clarke **3S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms H Vitow **3G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mr J Morrissey/ Miss Childs **4G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms N Aziz **4S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss N McKenna **4J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mrs Margolis **5G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms James **5S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mrs S Solden (formerly Miss Levin) **5J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss J Gardner **6G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss Miss Quinn **6S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss H Buck **6J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

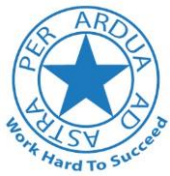
## Extra- Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular Activities will start week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (please check booking information)

<b>Football Year 3 and Year 4</b>	Monday
<b>Football Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Tuesday
<b>Taekwondo (all year groups)</b>	Tuesday
<b>Dance Club (all year groups)</b>	Wednesday
<b>High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Spanish Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Gymnastics (all Year groups)</b>	Friday

**Lunch time clubs** Chess clubs, Choir, Orchestra





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## **Orange Performing Arts Academy (OPA)**

An exciting new Performing Arts Academy is coming to Garden Suburb Schools on Saturdays from September 2023. *Orange Performing Arts presents... OPA Academy!*

A chance for 4 - 18 year olds to build confidence, have fun and develop their performance skills.

Sign-ups are now open. Book now to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer. [www.opaacademy.com](http://www.opaacademy.com)

See the flier attached.

## **Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)**

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 and paid for in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email [Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com](mailto:Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com)

### **Fees**

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

The staff and I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

