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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a lovely last week. Children followed the National Oak academy in the mornings with our teachers teaching the same lessons as the Oak Academy, children had fitness sessions, and carried on taking part in other fun activities in the afternoon. Bubble 4 did some fantastic gardening in the adventure trail and Bubble 3 made some great origami animals and designed some felt hugs!

School timings

Our school days continue to be:

Monday to Thursday: 9am until 3pm

Friday: 9am until 1.45pm

Bubbles 1 & 2 and their siblings enter and exit the school via the Blackstone Gate, Bubbles 3 & 4 enter and exit the school via the Churchill Gardens Gate.

Children are having their temperatures taken on the gate, thank you for your patience with this process. We do not record the temperature, we just tick that they have had it taken and that it was not high (over 38°C).

Please remember....

- Do provide your child with a fresh bottle of water every day. To reduce risk, our playground fountains and water cooler have been turned off.
- To change your child's clothes when they get in from school and to send them to school the next day in a fresh set of clothes.
- Before your child comes to school, they must have everything they need with them. (e.g. jumper, coat, packed lunch etc) we are not allowing parents to drop forgotten items off during the day. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Organisation of children to enable social distancing

The children have been grouped into 4 small 'bubbles' and each bubble has 4 members of staff (2 teachers and 2 TAs) assigned to the bubble. For the first 2 weeks of term, the adults are taking it in turns each week to work with their bubble and to remain exclusively with their bubble as much as possible when inside. This enables the bubble and the adults to be mixing with a minimum number of people each day. It also means that if we have a staff absence, the absence can be covered by another adult from that team and we do not have to use supply agency staff. The staff assigned to each bubble are as follows:



Bubble 1 based in Reception Class: Ms Wilson, Ms Page and Ms James.

Bubble 2 based in Class 1 (KS1 children): Ms Bell and Miss Rachael.

Bubble 3 based in Class 3 (lower KS2 children): Ms Davidson and Ms Aida.

Bubble 4 based in Class 6 (upper KS2 children): Ms Kukiewicz and Mrs Court.

If you are a key worker or your child falls into the vulnerable category, they are in Year 1 or Year 6 and you would like your child to start attending, please do call us, as we will look at reorganising for the next phase of opening from 22nd June. Similarly if your child is in Reception class and you would like your child to attend, please do call us, whilst we are not open to the wider Reception children yet, this may change in the coming weeks and it would be useful to get ideas of numbers for those who would like their child to attend.

We will be phoning families again on Monday 15th June to keep in touch, but also to see if any families have changed their mind and would like their child to attend from 22nd June. This will help our governors in determining how best to move forward and will allow us time to potentially reorganise, use more classrooms, create more bubbles and rewrite staggered timetables ready for 22nd June.

Whereabouts forms

To aid communication we are also collecting parents' email addresses. If your child is not in school, you can still provide your email address to the office: office@stgabrielsprimary.co.uk.

New Whereabouts forms have been issued. A huge thanks to those of you who have returned the whereabouts forms. It is vital that parents provide updated contact details in case of an emergency. As you can see from the protocols we follow if we have a suspected case, it is most important that these contact details are up to date and that parents are available to collect their child should they fall ill. If you have not done so yet, please return your form as soon as possible.

Protocol for responding to a suspected case of Covid19

In the event that school has a suspected case of Covid 19 we will do the following:

- Anyone who begins to display coronavirus symptoms (**temperature, dry cough, loss of taste or smell**) while in the setting should be sent home immediately and follow government guidelines on [what to do if you or someone in your household develops symptoms](#). (**Immediately self isolate for at least 7 days, do not go out, do not go to the GP, hospital or pharmacy. Follow guidance on [testing](#) to arrange this.**)
- If a child is waiting to be collected, they should be separated from their group and isolated with one member of staff if this is possible. (**Children will be isolated in the finance office located next to The Office**)
- **As an extra precaution, any child showing any sign of illness will be sent home.**
- For staff, a facemask should be worn if a distance of 2meters cannot be maintained from a child who is symptomatic and awaiting collection and if contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn.
- If a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing or spitting, then eye protection should also be worn. (**Staff have their own personal visor**).
- Once the child or member of staff has left the setting, settings should follow [Cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#) to ensure areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.
- Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all staff and children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus,

and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).

- **Negative:** Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- **Positive:** If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their immediate group (or bubble) within their school should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- **The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.**
- **Staff absences with specific roles:**
 - **DSL:** designated safeguarding leads have been timetabled so there will always be at least one DSL on premises
 - **First Aid:** all TAs and teachers are first aid trained
 - **Pediatric first aid:** there will always be a pediatric first aider on site
 - **SENCO:** in our SENCO's absence the Headteacher will deputise
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger group may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, **closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings#Section4>

I hope all of our families and staff continue to stay safe,

Best wishes

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Headteacher