



Garrick Green Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of another school year, and what a year it has been! I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous support and understanding over the last few months in particular – I can only imagine what it must have been like for you to manage everything at home during this challenging time and from what I have seen and heard from you, the children and the school staff, you have been amazing.

Everyone needs some time to unwind and relax over the summer so I hope you manage this and that we can return refreshed and ready to go in September.

We have received guidance from the DfE regarding the full opening of school in September – for those of you with children starting at and/or returning to Garrick Green in September, you will get more details in a few weeks regarding start and finish times etc but for now I want to reassure you that we are carrying out a thorough risk assessment in order for your children to be safe on their return to school.

Here is a summary of the main points:

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance procedures will return to normal in September
- Please see our [attendance policy](#) on our website for details

CLASSES

- Children will be in full classes of up to 30 children in their own classroom with allocated toilets
- Children will not mix with children from other classes whilst indoors
- Children in Miss Banner's and Mrs Herron's classes can mix outdoors and children in the other classes can mix together outdoors

START AND END OF DAY

- Classes will arrive and depart at different times – please stick to your time so that we keep a safe flow of people. Times will be confirmed in August
- Your child is welcome to cycle or scoot to school but parents must take bikes and scooters home with them as they cannot be stored on the premises at the moment.
- Children must only be accompanied by one adult within the school grounds (younger siblings are of course allowed on the premises)
- You will see that the field has been marked out with cones so that you stand apart from other parents and children
- You will not be able to stand and chat to the teacher as you normally would, either before or after school. Please continue to communicate with them via email for the time being

LUNCH

- Children will eat lunch with a Midday Supervisor in their classroom or outside on the field
- Children can have a school packed lunch (menu to follow) or bring a packed lunch from home



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CLUBS AND EVENTS

- Green Dragons will be open for Breakfast and After School Clubs and will run in the hall
- Children from Old Catton Junior will be at one end and children from Garrick Green will be at the other end
- No other clubs will run after school until October half term
- We will not be able to run any parent events until further notice but we will keep you up to date on events in the usual way

THE CLASSROOM

- Classrooms will look quite different to normal
- We have set tables and chairs up differently to help keep children safe
- Children will be facing the front rather than in groups and will be provided with their own set of resources e.g. pencils, pens etc
- Children will have an allocated space to sit on the carpet

LEARNING

- Our main aim will be to ensure the children feel happy and settled as so many of them will not have been in school or Pre-School since March – this means for the first few weeks, we will have a big focus on personal, social and emotional well-being
- We will do as much outdoor learning as possible as it is safe
- We will assess where each child is in English and Maths and plan their learning accordingly

WHAT TO BRING

- Your child needs to bring a minimum of belongings to school
- Bookbags should be brought every Monday
- Only bring a coat if the weather turns cold or wet
- Children will need a named pair of wellies that they can leave at school
- Clothing can be washed as normal so children should be in uniform every day

SOCIAL DISTANCING, HYGIENE AND SYMPTOMS

- Social distancing will be extremely difficult to manage with 30 young children in a classroom environment. We cannot guarantee that they will remain apart from each other, especially when playing, but we will remind them regularly
- Children will be told to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day
- We ask you to support us by reinforcing regular hand washing at home as well
- If anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19, please inform us as soon as possible, collect your child from school and follow the [isolation guidelines issued by the Government](#)
- Please make sure your child knows to tell us at school if they feel unwell
- Please make sure you keep us informed of any changes to contact details so we can keep in touch easily



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VISITING THE SCHOOL PREMISES

- Apart from bringing your child to school and picking them up, we ask you not to enter the premises unless it is essential e.g. for safeguarding reasons or if your child is ill

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS AND CHILDCARE

- If you use a childminder or any other out of school childcare or clubs, please ensure that these providers can demonstrate that they have carefully considered their own protective measures

I appreciate that there is an awful lot of information to take in so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me - I will check emails at least once a week throughout the summer holiday.

We will constantly be reviewing our procedures and as restrictions ease further, please be aware that some things may have to change. I will send out another email with the finer details, but for now, on behalf of all staff and Governors of Garrick Green, thank you again and we look forward to welcoming you and your child in September. For those of you whose children are moving on to Junior School, we will miss each and every one of them and wish them 'Good Luck' in their new adventure.

Best Wishes,

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Headteacher