



Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, the government have announced that all children will return to school at the beginning of the Autumn term (for us, this begins on Thursday 3rd September). School will continue to be different to how it was previously and an updated version of our Risk Assessment will be made available before the return to school.

The Department for Education have released full guidance for the reopening of all schools, and we are putting a number of measures in place in order to follow this. The key measures are outlined below so that you and your children can prepare for September.

Attendance

From 3rd September, attending school is compulsory and all children must be back in school from this day.

Bubbles

Upon returning to school after the summer break, children will be working in class bubbles and they will be expected to remain within their bubble. Staff will, as far as possible, distance from the children and each other.

Arrival/Departure

We will continue to have staggered arrival and departure times to ensure social distancing and to reduce the number of people on and around our school site at all times. These are in place to keep everyone as safe as possible and are not negotiable. Our hope is that, if everyone adheres to the times, we will not need to stagger them further as the term progresses. We also ask that only **one** adult brings and collects children from school. The timings are outlined below:

Year	Arrival	Departure
Nursery	09:00 via Nursery Gate	15:15 via Nursery Gate
Reception	08:40 via Nursery Gate	15:10 via Nursery Gate
1	08:45 via Playground Zone B	15:15 via Playground Zone B
2	08:40 via Playground Zone A	15:10 via Playground Zone A
3	08:50 via Year 3 Fire Exit	15:20 via Playground Zone B
4	08:50 via Car Park Zone C	15:20 via Playground Zone A
5	09:00 via Year 5 Fire Exit	15:30 via Playground Zone B*
6	09:00 via Year 6 Fire Exit	15:30 via Playground Zone A*

* Please note that we recommend children in Year 5 and Year 6 walk/cycle home on their own where possible or meet their parents in an agreed location away from the school grounds.

Our one-way system remains in place and it is important that everyone follows this. With all children now returning to school, it is essential that no parents or carers loiter in or around the school grounds. A revised video showing our one-way system can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6WflkjsYN8>.

Breaks/Lunch Times

We will continue to stagger break times and lunch times. The Farm Kitchen will continue to provide packed lunches in place of hot meals for those parents who order them. The ordering process remains the same. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal and, if you require any further information, please contact Mrs Day in the School Office or The Farm Kitchen.

Uniform & PE Kit

All children will be required to wear full school uniform from September. This provides children with a sense of belonging to our community and supports with providing positive attitudes towards learning and behaviour.

Children will require a PE kit. Details of both school uniform and PE kits can be found here:

<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>.

Equipment

Children will not be able to bring a bag/rucksack to school. They will need to bring essential items such as a coat, hat (if necessary), lunch and drinks (a water bottle for the classroom and a drink for with their lunch). We will continue to use the outdoor space as much as possible – so please make sure that your children are prepared for the weather conditions each day.

Children do not need to bring any pencil cases or stationery with them: we will provide everything that they require.

Hygiene

Regular handwashing (including the use of hand sanitiser) will continue to take place throughout the day. We have also increased our cleaning frequency and the school will again be deep-cleaned over the summer break. We will also continue to teach children to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow using the 'Catch It, Kill It, Bin It' initiative. It would be helpful if you could continue to promote and this at home – and reinforce the importance of good hygiene - to prepare your children for September.

Access

No parents or carers will be allowed into the school building. If it is necessary to speak with your child's teacher, a telephone appointment can be arranged by calling the school office or emailing enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk.

Curriculum

We will continue to teach a broad and balanced project-based curriculum in September. Early on in the Autumn term, we will be assessing children's knowledge in order to address any gaps through appropriate intervention.

We will, of course, be continuing to place a heavy focus on children's wellbeing by supporting them as they return to school.

Supporting Your Child

Please do continue to encourage your children to keep reading either through Bug Club or books at home. It would also be useful to encourage them to write – they can keep diaries, write short stories, create poems, etc.

The summer is also a perfect chance to teach your children practical key skills that will support them in being more independent (especially younger children). These include: tying shoelaces, dressing themselves, zipping up a coat, opening packets and filling a water bottle.

It is also important that you are positive with your children about the return to school. Please do not share any worries or anxieties that you may have with your children. There are plenty of resources on the Wellbeing section of our website (<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/>).

Please do share the video tour with your children and let them read the Transition Profile from their new class teacher (these will be sent out next week). The video tour can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHPa1Rzi4w>

Contact

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions via telephone or by emailing enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk. Please remember that the School Office will close at the end of Tuesday 21st July and we will only be available via email during the summer break.

Further guidance and information will be sent to you before we reopen for the Autumn term.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back on 3rd September and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and support for our new way of working. I am so proud to be Headteacher of this school in a community where our unity has enabled us to shine through such a difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Brooks
Headteacher