



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 25th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term and took time to have a rest from remote learning.

Like you, we are delighted by the Government's announcement that all pupils are able to return to in-school learning from 8th March. We have all been very impressed with their (and your) continued effort with their remote learning and know that they are looking forward to seeing their friends again. We also recognise that there may be some worries and frustrations about returning to school and their recent lockdown experience and are planning wellbeing activities around their learning to help them address and manage any concerns.

There are still restrictions and procedures that we must all follow to remain safe when pupils return on the 8th March, please see full details below. In addition, School staff have elected to complete COVID tests twice weekly.

## **Arrival at school:**

Pupils should arrive at school for 8:50 in *full school uniform* unless it is a PE day in which case they should come to school in their PE clothes for the whole day. A timetable will be shared with you next week indicating which days this is for each class.

The paths within the school grounds will have 2 metre markers, to help social distancing, you may also choose to wear a face mask.- pupils are not required . School staff will greet and dismiss the children at their designated points and will be wearing face masks. For all our safety, please be mindful of social distancing. If you need to share any information with staff please email the office where possible. Only essential visitors will be admitted into the school, and will be required to wear face masks and use hand sanitiser.

## **Entrance to / Exit from school:**

Class 1 via the gate on Church Road and then via the small gate to Class 1.

Class 2 via the gate on Church Road and then via the main door from the playground.

Class 3 via the front door

Class 4 via the side gate alongside the village hall.

### End of the day:

Pupils will leave at 3:15pm via the same route as they arrived in the morning. Please collect older pupils first and remind them of the need to be aware of moving vehicles near the front of the school.

### Hand hygiene:

Pupils will be asked to sanitise or wash their hands on arrival and before leaving school. This will continue throughout the day if they leave rooms, use toilets, before eating and especially before and after break and lunchtime. Please help / remind your child how to wash their hands thoroughly. There is no need for pupils to have their own sanitisers in school, particularly as it contains substances that could be dangerous if misused.

### School lunch

We will assume that your child will be on the same meal pattern with the same menu choices as the autumn term. If this isn't the case, please let the office know by next Wednesday (3rd March). Please be aware that billing for school lunches will be issued soon after pupils return on 8th March, this is due to Hertfordshire Catering financial year end. As always please contact the school office if you wish to discuss payments for school lunches.

### Clubs:

From the Government's guidance, clubs can resume IF they are...

*- necessary to enable parents and carers to work, search for work, undertake education or training, or attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, or attend a support group*

Please complete this [form](#), so that we are able to confirm the need for before and afterschool clubs. Assuming there are sufficient pupils numbers, current clubs will begin on Monday 8th March and continue for the next half term. We are offering the same clubs as originally planned for this term. Football and Yoga will be confirmed once we know from the external providers. Gardening Club has been delayed till next term. Any new clubs will be offered after May half term.

Places will be allocated first to those who had already booked / paid. If you do not wish your child to take up their place until next term please contact the school office regarding refunds. [admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Gymnastics Club</b> 08.00-08.50am Years 1-2 Mr Millins 8th March - 22 March 12th April -24th May £44.00	<b>Dodgeball Club</b> 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Mr Millins 9th March - 23rd March 20th April -25th May £44.00	<b>Golden Mile Running Club</b> 08.20-08.50am Years 1-6 Mr Millins 10th March - 24th March 21th April -26th May Free	<b>Badminton Club</b> 08.00-08.50 am Years 3-6 Mr Millins 11th March - 25th March 22th April -27th May £44.00	<b>Golden Mile Running Club</b> 08.20-08.50 am Mr Millins 12th March - 26th March 23th April 21st May Free
<b>Gardening Club</b> This will begin next term		<b>Football</b> 12.25 - 12.55pm		

Monday 12th April for KS1 KS2 second half term		Years 1-2 Game On To be confirmed		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Yoga Club</b> 3.15 - 4.15pm Years R-2 To be confirmed	<b>Archery Club</b> 3.15 pm - 4.15pm Years 3-6 Mr Millins 9th March - 23rd March 20th April -25th May £44.00	<b>Football Club</b> 3.15 - 4.25pm Years 3-6 Game On To be confirmed	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 3-6 Mr Millins 11th March - 25th March 22th April -27th May £44.00	
<b>Netball Club</b> 3.15-4.15pm Years 5-6 Mr Millins 8th March - 22 March 19th April -24th May Free				

Some clubs still have places, please contact the school office who will be able to provide further details. [admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

### Red Nose day 19th March

We have a wide selection of red noses in school, enough for every pupil, which will be available to buy from 8th March.

### A message from The Friends;

We hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed taking part in Class 2's fundraiser. There is still time to take part, activity packs can be downloaded or picked up from school. We have had so much support it's been incredible, we are already over £3000 raised so far, with amazing donations from family, friends and companies.

The courtyard cafe at Ashridge House, is kindly rewarding children participating in the Golden Valley to Silicone Valley challenge with a free hot chocolate and packet of sweets!! To redeem, you need to take a completed sticker chart with you to the cafe. Offer available until the 7th March.

There will also be a medal for each child who participates once we are back at school so please do get involved if you haven't already done so. (Medals have been kindly sponsored by Michael Bailey at Scanning & Data Solutions)

Donations are through the just giving page, Lets keep going!

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/goldenvalley>

Thank you and really well done everyone involved.

This week's friends challenge is a [school life word search](#).

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher