



St Gilbert's Church of England
Primary School

Arrangements
for
Term 6

15th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I believe we all anticipated that the current restrictions would not be lifting and following the announcement by the Prime Minister, we now know that that they will continue until 19th July with a review on 28th June.

It is important though that we provide some certainty around the arrangements for this term so we can all plan forwards and ensure that all pupils have as many enriching experiences as possible, albeit in a different format.

I do ask you all to bear in mind that dependent on the guidance received by the government we may be required to change some of our plans. We will of course keep you up to date as the term unfolds.

My best wishes to you all and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Miss F Dicker
Headteacher

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The School Day

Beginning and end of the school day

The procedures for the start and end of the school day will continue to operate on a staggered basis. Times for the school day will also remain the same. Whilst an increasing number of adults are receiving their vaccines, please do bear in mind that some, including staff, have not yet had their first so please continue to observe social distancing measures and it remains the decision of the individual parents to wear masks as is the present practice.

Entry to the school will continue to be via the school gate.

Please can you also continue to:

- Keep your child/ren with you and do not let them run around the field or run ahead of you as you leave. They must also not be on the trim trail at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Please leave the site immediately once you have collected your child/ren and remain socially distanced at all times whilst you do so.
- Please do not gather at the school gates at the beginning or end of the school day.

Staff may choose to wear face coverings for drop off and collection times and it is now being recommended that they and visitors do so during non-teaching times when moving around in communal areas and corridors where social distancing between adults cannot be maintained. These measures will be in place until advised otherwise. There are strict guidelines in place for staff in the use of face coverings at these times to ensure the safety of all.

Current drop off and collection arrangements will remain in place.

As is the current practice, parents will still not be able to enter the school building unless by appointment so if you have any letters which need to be delivered, please place them in the letter box at the office entrance.

If you need to speak to a member of the Office Team, please call or email in the first instance on 01780 762400 or enquiries@stgilberts.co.uk

Classrooms

In line with the guidance, pupils will continue to learn in their phase bubbles (e.g. Year 5.6, Year 3.4 etc). It remains that within each bubble there will be three pods, except for Foundation Stage which will act as one bubble/pod. For example, for Year 5.6, both year groups will be in one bubble with three pods – Rowling, Snicket and Morpurgo. The same will apply for Y1.2 and Y3.4. Arrangements as previously given will remain in relation to interventions, close contact work and seating arrangements.

	Pod 1	Pod 2	Pod 3
EYFS Bubble	Tigers & Caterpillars		
Year 1 & 2 Bubble	Milne	Donaldson	Seuss
Year 3 & 4 Bubble	Strong	Fine	Dahl
Year 5 & 6 Bubble	Rowling	Morpurgo	Snicket

Handwashing and the use of resources will also continue to be managed in line with the current guidance.

Lunchtimes and Playtimes

Due to the increasing numbers of clubs both in and out of school and the widening of Before and After School Care provision, I am aware that more pupils are mixing in and out of school within consistent groups. Therefore, from this week, pupils in bubbles (i.e. all Year 5.6 pods) will be able to mix outdoors at playtimes and once embedded, this will be applied to lunchtimes. I feel this is a proportionate approach and also very good for the children's social skills and mental well-being. All other arrangements in regards to playtimes and lunchtimes will remain in place.

Music

From further guidance and support received by Lincolnshire Music Service, we have determined to resume singing in school, within their pods. The children and staff love singing and it is very good for well-being. It will also enable to us to take part in the virtual 'Big Sing' which is a national event with schools across the country taking part. There will be strict procedures in place for all pupils and staff. I will be updating the risk assessment in due course but all staff will be made aware of expectations ahead of us starting.

Currently Y3.4 are taking part in drumming sessions in school. I hope you have enjoyed the videos recently posted. We have organised for there to be 'performances' outside with all pupils taking part. We will video these and share them with you.

Extra-Curricular Activities

I am delighted that the recent Residential went ahead and was such a success.

After School Clubs will continue until the end of term and Gilbert's Gang is now working at full capacity.

We have also made arrangements for a summer holiday programme for pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant. A letter is coming out to parents and we encourage you to register your child as soon as you can. We have arranged for another school to take part but I have given priority to our school.
Booking closes on 21st June.

Sports Day

I am sure you will appreciate that running a full Sports Day would not be prudent at this time or in line with guidelines.

However, it is important that we run this in some format as it is a key part of the year which our children love and provides an opportunity for our Sports Ambassadors and House Captains to lead and support.

We will therefore be running the events within phases (Y1.2, Y3.4 etc.) on different days over the next few weeks to allow for equipment to be cleaned in-between each phase. Points will be collected and the House Cup awarded to the winning team. Children will also receive stickers for taking part, in a socially distanced capacity.

We will be taking photos and videos, posting them onto Facebook for you all to enjoy.

Musical Showcase

Sadly, this will not be taking place this year. Instead, we are liaising with Lincolnshire Music Service about this happening in the Autumn Terms. We are arranging for all pupils who currently take peripatetic music lessons to record their playing so we can share it with parents, should their individual permissions allow. For the majority of pupils, lessons have only resumed in the last couple of weeks and restrictions currently in place would not allow for a full performance in school.

Transition

It remains that a good transition programme is vital to a smooth and effective September start for all our pupils. However, our usual transition programme, with children regularly visiting their new classrooms and teachers has needed to be altered for this year. A separate letter has been sent out to our parents joining us in September with details regarding their child's start to primary education. For those children joining secondary school next year, separate information is being sent to you by their new school regarding transition..

For all other pupils in school the following has been organised:

- All pupils have begun to work on transition as part of their PSHE work and this will continue throughout this term.
- Pupils will begin to mix in their bubbles outside during playtimes and lunchtimes from the week of 14th June. We will be completing some social skills support for all pupils as they have not been used to this and we will continue to monitor how this goes throughout the term.
- Teachers will be organising a virtual walk through of each year group area to share with children on TEAMS.
- Children moving into Y1, Y3 and Y5 will also get a class buddy in either Y2, Y4 or Y6 respectively to support them in understanding what it is like to be in the class.
- Storytime with classes for one afternoon per week over TEAMS
- PSHE work will also focus on question and answer sessions around moving into a new class. New class teachers will respond with a video or visit to classes.
- Once classes are confirmed later on in the term, year groups will meet outside to share books and do a Q+A session, socially distanced.
- On Friday 9th July AM all year groups will gather outside to meet buddies on a staggered basis.
- Each child is also completing a 'What I want my teacher to know about me' as part of their move into next year
- Teachers will prepare pupils for entry procedures into school in September so they know where to line up.
- Induction Day – This is a day when all pupils visit and spend the day with their teacher and new class. We are currently monitoring the guidance and will make a decision regarding this later on in the term.
- Transition booklets and powerpoints will be posted onto the website for parents. We will let you know as soon as they are uploaded.

Reports

All parents will receive their child's report on 9th July. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to talk with their child's class teacher following receipt of the report. These will take place week beginning 12th July.

We also intend to advise children of their new class (if applicable) in school ahead of them receiving their report so they have an opportunity to know which friends are in their class with them before the end of the school day. This will take place on the 8th July.

Leavers' Service

This year, we intend to hold the event outside on the school grounds and will advise you of the details as soon as they are finalised.

Leavers' BBQ

At this point this will sadly not be taking place.

Leavers' Performance

This will be virtual this year and Y5.6 staff will be sending out a video to all parents as soon as it is finalised.

Should your child not be allowed to be filmed, they will not be able to take part so please contact the school office with written permissions if you wish to change your decision.