

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

I'll warn you now...this is a long letter! I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher this week or that your child has enjoyed a conversation with them. Class teachers have dedicated time this week to talking to all their new children in their new classes in order to reassure them about our planned return to school for September...

As you will be fully aware, the government aims for all children in all year groups to attend school full time in September. In order to achieve this, the guidance schools have been issued has changed significantly in relation to the June guidance and once again, as you would expect, myself, the staff and governors have been working to put together a plan for system that keeps children, staff and all their families as safe as possible within the guidance provided. There will be phrases you will have heard in the media such as 'bubbles' and 'control measures' and you will be possibly wondering what they mean for your children.

As always, I can assure you that myself, the staff and governors have checked guidance, modified risk assessment procedures and taken action to try to ensure all children will return to a welcoming yet carefully managed learning environment in September. There are a few key points we want you to know:

- *we want September to be a successful and positive re-connection with learning for all children*
- *we want all children and families to feel confident we are doing the very best we can to keep children, staff and all their families as safe as possible*
- *we want to support all children in their individual needs that they may have in relation to their emotional well-being and good mental health*
- *we want to make the most of opportunities such as re-enforcing learning at home through daily reading practise, regular homework and online resources*

So how are we going to achieve this? Together!



All children will return to school during the first week of September. As the Y3 children have been unable to meet their new teachers in person or even visit our building, they will return first and have a day with their new class teacher before being joined by the Y4 children the following day.

Wednesday 2nd September:

Y3 children and their parents from Class 1 (Mrs Dorsett's class) will be met on the playground at **8.45am** and be collected at the gate at **3.15pm**.

Y3 children and their parents from Class 2 (Mrs Greaves/Mrs Bennett's class) will be met on the playground at **9.00am** and be collected at the gate at **3.30pm**.

Thursday 3rd September:

Y3 & Y4 children and their parents from Class 1 (Mrs Dorsett's class) will be met on the playground at **8.45am** and be collected at the gate at **3.15pm**.

Y3 & Y4 children and their parents from Class 2 (Mrs Greaves/Mrs Bennett's class) will be met on the playground at **9.00am** and be collected at the gate at **3.30pm**.

Friday 4th September:

Class 1 (Mrs Dorsett's class) and Class 3 (Mr Rigg's class) will be met on the playground at **8.45am** and be collected at the gate at **3.15pm**.

Class 2 (Mrs Greaves/Mrs Bennett's class) and Class 4 (Mrs Roberts' class) will be met on the playground at **9.00am** and be collected at the gate at **3.30pm**.

It is essential that these timings are adhered to as they form part of our risk assessment in terms of ensuring safe distances between groups (bubbles) and safe and manageable handwashing procedures at the start of the school day.

We are aiming to provide breakfast club and after-school care for children in September from **Wednesday 3rd September** – we appreciate there will be siblings required to start at different times but this has to be accepted and worked around in order for us manage all children in the school building everyday. Please email myself or Mrs Smith in the school office if you have any further questions about start and finish times.

There is a lot more information to share with you regarding the safe and successful return to school; I will do this early next week!

I hope you are able to enjoy what should be a warm and sunny weekend!

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(Headteacher)

