

GUSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to see some children back in our setting this week and last. I know there was a a high level of anxiety for some but this has quickly reduced once familiar faces were seen. I hope you are all keeping safe and well. We miss you.

Phased Re-opening of School

Step 1

- Email a letter from your employer confirming you are a critical worker to admin@guston.kent.sch.uk
- Confirm in the email the names and year groups of your children wishing to book a place at school by Wednesday, 5pm for the following week.

Step 2

- Await a letter and Home-School agreement from the school confirming your child's attendance (usually a Thursday)
- The letter will have clear guidance regarding attendance protocols PLEASE READ.

Step 3

 Read and agree the contents of the Home school agreement by emailing a copy back to admin@guston.kent.sch.uk.

Step 4

• If you have recieved a letter and replied showing agreement with the Home-School agreement, your child should attend school at the **allotted time**. Everyone should follow the **attendance protocols** in place.

As you are aware due to a range of factors, we are currently open to pupils of critical workers or those considered vulnerable. Our numbers are expanding each week and I'd like to thank parents for using the protocol for booking places I shared last week.

The deadline for booking continues to be 5pm on Wednesdays.

Social Distancing

One of the major ways we are reducing the risk of transmission in school is by following the social distancing guidelines that the Government has set out. All children that attend school are asked to follow this guidance out of school too so as to not undermine our efforts in school. Therefore please can I ask you all to consider this when 'socialising' outside of school. Our aim is to keep the children in our care safe, as well as those members of staff that are working with them. Any breach of the guidance puts all of these at an increased risk which is not fair.

Please help us to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation

Faster Internet!

We are very excited about the fact that we have been selected for some additional funding under the Government Rural Gigabit Connectivity (RGC) Programme to fund a new fibre internet connection to our school, over which will run a new fibre internet service at much higher speeds than our current provision.

In the longer term this has the potential to benefit the local community as the infrastructure will be in place to make it possible for this service to be accessed by local properties via their own internet service provider. Timescales are unclear at this stage but we will keep you up to date when we know more.

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