



Great Denham Primary School  
NEWSLETTER 1  
Autumn Term  
**6<sup>th</sup> September**



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## START AND FINISH TIMES

We will no longer be having the staggered start and finish times. Gates will **open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am**. Parents are welcome to walk children to their classroom doors this week however from Monday 13th all children in Year 1 - 6 will be expected to leave their parent at the gate. Entry and exit can be through any of the 3 gates, each gate will have 2 members of staff on. School will **end at 3:15pm and gates will open at 3:10 and close at 3:20pm**. Again please enter and exit through any of the 3 gates. Mask wearing is optional however please respect others and maintain distance as much as possible.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the benefits of the easing of restrictions! Typically now we return to school the weather improves! We are very much looking forward to welcoming our children back to school tomorrow (Children in Year 1-6). I hope they are well reasted and excited for the term ahead. We are really looking forward to hopefully having a more 'normal' school year. Please take time to read the reminders outlining some of the changes for this week. Today some of our Year 6 children set off on their adventures to Hilltop in Norfolk for their residential – I am sure they will have a fantastic time!

See you tomorrow!  
Denise Burgess



## UNIFORM

Children can return in either winter uniform or summer uniform this half term. They will be expected to wear school shoes and not trainers. We will be sending out PE days for this half term later this week - on those days children should come to school in PE kits and trainers.

## MEDICATION

Please ensure you bring your child's medication into the office and complete the relevant form.



# STAFF TRAINING DAYS

The staff have had a busy 3 days training in preparation for the new school year - every year our staff take part in something called the Odyssey in which they experience a 'project slice' of a project to experience all elements of our project curriculum and experience it from the eyes of the child. This year they took part in a Masterchef competition which was judged by an expert chef, Steve Barringer, a former Masterchef contestant and owner of Eileens in Ampthill as well as chair of governors, Paul James.

Following on from this they then experienced training workshops for different elements - lots was learnt and a great team spirit was shown which was such a joy after the last 18 months of not being able to mix with anyone outside of their bubble!



## COVID SYMPTOMS

As I am sure you are aware there are no longer the restrictions for children to have to isolate if they have been in contact with someone with COVID. This is the same for our staff if they have been double jabbed. Please though do not send your child to school if they have any of the 3 main COVID symptoms.

If your child develops one of the 3 COVID symptoms at school we will call you and ask you to collect them and take them for a test.

A copy of our updated COVID risk assessment will be available on our school website later this week.

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?

NO

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.

YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.