

End of Year Update 19.07.21

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another extraordinary year, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to help ensure we have kept everyone in school as safe as we can. Sadly, it seems that we are not out of the woods yet and we are likely to see more change and disruption going into next year.

We will be updating our School Risk Assessment again, to reflect the DfE guidance and our school procedures.

We will not be putting ‘bubbles’ in place within centres and will resume most of our pre COVID-19 routines. It is, therefore, essential that we continue to have all hygiene measures and infection prevention protocols in place, as defined by the Government and as we feel necessary.

In September the following will apply:

- Masks to be worn on all school transport
- Students and staff to carry out twice weekly LFT tests: to inform the school if the result is positive, and to arrange a confirmatory PCR test and inform the school of the result
- Regular handwashing, using of antibacterial gel and rigorous cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and shared equipment

You should all have been contacted by your centre staff, who will have told you about the arrangements for on-site COVID testing prior to the return in September. If you have any queries, you can contact your centre on 1st September, and someone will be available to help.

This summer we have created a “Summer Holiday” Page on the School Website. It provides information about the following:

- Summer bus passes
- Summer activity programmes and
- Discounted leisure passes for children eligible for free school meals
- Well-being support for children and families

(Click on link below for the leaflet)

https://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/124264/Reconnect-Parent-Leaflet.pdf

- Emergency safeguarding contacts

- Summer GCSE results and appeals process

Arrangements for COVID-19 contact tracing will no longer be required by the school as NHS Test and Trace will take over this responsibility. Please check our website for a letter from the DfE explaining what you should do.

Unfortunately, due to increased costs from our provider, we are going to have to increase the price of school meals. From September 2021 meals will be £2.40 a day in line with other local schools. Parents of children who are in receipt of Free School Meals will not need to take any action.

As a school we have been re-writing our “Relationships and Sex Education Policy”. We have placed a draft on our website for you to look at and comment on if you wish.

Please email headteacher@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk with any feedback or queries and we will respond next term.

As we end this year and move into the next academic year there are a few staff changes I would like to let you know about. We will be wishing Phil Martin a very happy (early) retirement after 33 years at Goldwyn, and saying goodbye to Jenny Thomas, Lathan Norton and Nadine Taljaard who are all moving on to pastures new. Lindsay Moody will be retiring from his role as Transport Manager after nearly 8 years with us. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We are looking forward to working with Chris Thomas, Harry Moore, David Jones, Matthew Harrison, Hannah Bell, Charlotte Keane and Lyn Rich who will all be joining us in September 2021.

Please note also, that Tony Lucey will become full-time Transport Manager from September. He can be contacted on 07557 357550 should you need to cancel the taxi for any reason. Your centre staff teams will be advising you on pick up times in September, if they have not done so by now.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of all the staff and students at Goldwyn. The year has been full of change and uncertainty, and everyone has had to adapt to new ways of working. Attendance has been high, and students have taken positive advantage of everything that has been offered.

Well done to staff and students for navigating a different GSCE qualification process this year; I am sure we will see positive outcomes for them in August.

We will be keeping an eye on any new COVID-19 guidance produced over the summer and will contact you if there are any changes to the plans for the start of the new year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

With kind regards and best wishes