



Gorse Covert Primary School  
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Headteacher: Mrs C Cooke



### **School Update-21st June**

Dear Parents

#### **Returning in September**

We are still not sure what school will look like in September but we understand that it is likely to be either a part-time model (some time in school with some home learning) or what now seems to be the most likely option of 'class bubbles'.

Class bubbles means that children will be in a class with their teacher but will still not mix with other bubbles/classes of children. There wouldn't be a need to physically distance inside the bubble but to distance between other bubbles. This is to minimise the number of contacts should there be a positive case of Covid-19. It will feel a bit more like 'normal school' but with the enhanced safety measures still in place with staggered start and finish times to reduce the amount of people in one place at any time. We will need to await guidance from the government though before we can properly plan for September.

To enable us to start planning for the above scenario, I have put a link in the email you have received (also linked below) for a google form which will enable you to let me know which of your child's friends they would most like to be with in a class. As always we will endeavour to support your requests but organising classes is a considerable logistical challenge and it is not always possible to honour every request.

The organisation for September is as follows:

**Reception: Mrs Gilbert**

**Y1: Miss Tolley**

**Y2: Mrs Pennington and Miss Ireland** (the 35 children that will be in Y2 will be one large class but with 2 teachers)

**Y3: Mr Keen**

**Y3/4 mixed class: Mr Gibson**

**Y4: Mrs Nicolaidis and Mrs Lindsay (both teachers are part-time)**

**Y5/6:** there will be 3 classes who will be taught by **Mrs Gibson, Miss Lawler and Mr Dean**. We are undecided yet whether it will be three mixed Y5/6 classes as it is now or one Y5 class, one Y5/6 class and one Y6 class. This will be decided when we see the guidance from the government regarding class bubbles.

Whilst I can not promise to honour every request, if you do not let me know what your child's preferences are, it is unlikely I will be able to do something about it after classes have been allocated.

The [google form](#) must be completed by **9am Friday 26th June**. (Parents of children currently in Reception, Y1 and Y6 do not need to complete this form)

### **Y2,3,4 and 5 returning before the end of term**

We would love to see the children in these year groups return to school for a short period before the end of term. We hope to offer at least 2 days but the number wanting to return will dictate how we can best accommodate this.

We plan to bring **Y3 and Y5 children in at some point between 6-10th July**.

We hope to bring in **Y2 and Y4 children in at some point between 13-17th July**.

The google form link in the email (and below) gives you an option to say whether you would like your child to come in during the allocated week. **If you do not complete this form your child will not be allocated a place.** A document called 'Safety Measures' is attached to the email to help you make your decision.

Please complete the [google form](#) by **9am Friday 26th June** (this is the same form as mentioned above).

### **School reports**

Your child's annual report will be emailed to you by Friday 10th July.

### **Sports Day**

We didn't want our children to miss out on Sports Day this year, so we will be holding a Virtual Sports Day on Wednesday! All of the activities will be easy to set up, come with step by step instructions and need minimal household equipment. Each activity can be done indoors or outside.

No Sports Day would be complete without the winning house having their name engraved on our Sports Day shield. The winning house will be the one that has accumulated the most points throughout the day. A house point will be scored each time a child participates in an event and has their **photo emailed to [sportsday@gorsecovert.co.uk](mailto:sportsday@gorsecovert.co.uk)**. 1 photo = 1 point. There will be 6 activities and the children will be able to enter each event once only.

If your child is in school on Wednesday, we will ensure they have a chance to participate.

We have lots of exciting activities planned and it promises to be a fun and enjoyable event for all.

Further information will be provided on Tuesday.

### **Communication**

The school office is now manned as usual so you can phone the office. As we are not allowing visitors on the premises unless it is for urgent business or maintenance, Mrs Burgess will also be monitoring a new school email address which can be used for parent communication.

Parents can report absences, ask questions, request a call from me or share other important information via this email address.

[office@gorsecovertscho.co.uk](mailto:office@gorsecovertscho.co.uk)

I look forward to seeing more of your children over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

C Cooke  
Headteacher