



Gorse Covert Primary School
Gorse Covert Road
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Headteacher: Mrs C Cooke



5th May 2021

Dear Parents

It feels like there may be light at the end of the tunnel and things may soon return to how things 'used' to be! We are in the process of reviewing what coronavirus changes have worked really well and what we may choose to continue with even after the pandemic has reached the lowest levels. In the meantime, please continue to follow the rules when dropping off and collecting your child and keep them off school if they feel at all unwell.

School trips

Latest guidelines say that school trips can now go ahead which is great news! Our teachers are now looking at what we might be able to do in the summer and autumn terms whilst still keeping everyone safe. I'm really pleased that our Y2 residential trip should now be able to go ahead in July even though they have now almost finished Y3! Our Y4 residential trip is planned to go ahead in the autumn term when they are in Y6. Better late than never! We will of course need to monitor the latest advice from government.

Classes for next year

We are looking at classes for next year and which teachers will be in each year group. I am unable to confirm plans at this stage because until the end of May, we cannot be sure which staff will be staying with us. Sadly we will be losing Miss Lawler at the end of this academic year. She has been a wonderful asset to our team and will be greatly missed. She is moving to a lovely new school to further progress her career and we wish her the very best of luck in her future career.

Reception will remain as one class.

Y1 will should also be able to remain as one class.

Y2 will move into either a Y3 class or a mixed Y3/4 class.

Y3 will be in either the Y3/4 class or a Y4 class.

Y4 will be in either the Y5 or Y5/6 class.

Y5 will move into the Y5/6 or Y6 class.

Our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) has changed to 30 instead of 45 and so we are slowly moving to a one-form entry school over the next few years. Mixed age classes

will need to continue for year groups where our PAN is still 45, enabling us to keep classes as small as possible.

Photographs

The deadline for photograph orders is 16th May. Please ensure you place your order online by this date.

Non-uniform day

The last Friday of this half term (21st May) will be a non-uniform day so children can come to school in their own choice of clothes.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Cooke".

C Cooke
Headteacher