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The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Executive Headteacher: Lesley Ann Jones BA Hons

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, it has been exciting to see you all and to have our children back in school. I would like to thank you all for the support you have given us throughout these difficult times, and we are very grateful that you have worked with us to get our children back to school.

It has been a fantastic week as the children have come back and just got on with everything. The resilience of our children is exceptional, and we are so proud of them, especially our younger children in nursery and reception. All our children have settled in well and have got back into a new routine in line with the current situation.

As a school, we continue to work hard to find ways to keep our children safe and to reduce the risk of infection with the virus and we will continue to seek your support with this. You can support us in the following ways:

- Please ensure you keep your distance from other parents at the gate during drop off and pick up.
- Do regular temperature checks on your children
- Provide hand sanitisers for your children if you can
- Come to the school premises only if it is necessary
- Encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and maintain social distancing
- Let your children know the gate where you will pick them up from

School dinners/Packed lunch

We are having issues with children changing their choice of lunch every day or every week, this is not helpful and causes a lot of confusion even for the children. For this reason, we would like you to decide, for each term, the type of lunch that you want your child to have and they will have that lunch for the term. You can change it after that if you wish. Your child should either have packed lunch or school dinner for the term and you may change this after half term. We have 6 terms in a year- Autumn term 1, Autumn term 2, Spring term 1, Spring term 2, Summer term 1 and Summer term 2.

Cashless school

I would like to remind all parents that we are now a cashless school and therefore all payments must be made online. Please come to the office to have an account set up for you if you do not have one already.

Year 6

Currently, we are unable to organise events for parents to attend but we will keep you updated on this. As parents are not allowed to come into school for the Year 6 parents' meetings, we will be holding a zoom meeting to discuss expectations in year including SATs. This will take place on **Tuesday 15th September at 9:30am.**

If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with the class teacher or a member of the senior team, please ring the school and ask to speak to the member of staff and we will arrange for him or her to call you back.



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Attendance and Punctuality- Every Day Counts!

It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you directly.

The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued

Once again, we are very grateful for all the ways by which you continue to support us. Stay safe!

Mrs Cobblah

Head of School