

Great Hollands Primary School Recovery Plan - FAQ

Question from Parents	School Response
Do I have to send my child to school if they are in one of the named year groups for June 1st? What are the consequences of deciding to keep them at home longer? (not medically vulnerable groups)	No you do not have to send your child in and there will be no consequence for non-attendance.
What will the provision be for the children who remain at home?	Your child will still be able to access Mathletics and Bug Club online. The school will also make its best endeavours to provide home schooling resources similar to the current online provision. The BBC is providing online lessons and resources can be found online from several sources including the new Oak Academy – set up by the government after schools were closed to many.
What options do I have if only one or two of my children can attend school, but the others cannot? Especially if work is insisting I return, and I need to be on-site.	We will not be accepting siblings from other year groups. If you fall into the Critical Worker category, then we can assess this on a case by case basis.
What will be the lessons be like at school?	We will use our best endeavours to continue to provide a good education for the children. All children will have their learning overseen by a teacher, though the adult in their group will be either a teacher or a teaching assistant. We will aim to continue to follow the National Curriculum, where this is possible, however adaptations will be made and not all subjects will be possible. In EYFS we will attempt to follow the EYFS curriculum where possible.
If we cap, how do we decide which '15' attend, if more than 15 parents wish to send them in?	We should be able to accommodate all children who wish to attend, however they will be in groups of no more than 15. They will remain in these groups throughout the day.
What will the EYFS look like if many of the resources that are hard to clean are taken away?	There will be a reduction in some resources. Only resources that are easily washed will be available for children.

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How will the classrooms be set out?	Tables will be separated and a child will work at their own table. In EYFS there will be a reduction of resources and there will be learning zones, allowing a limited number of children to play.
What will break times look like?	Break times will be taken on a rotation basis so that only one or two classes are outside at any one time. There will not be a crossover of groups as there will be a 2m distance between group playing areas. We are lucky to have a lot of outside space at GHPS and we will utilise this at lunchtimes to give the children freedom and space to play in their pods whilst maintaining social distancing between pods.
I'm also concerned over drop off and pick up, how it would work for the adults staying apart?	We will be placing markers in the playground and posters around the school to remind children and parents of social distance guidelines. There will be staggered start and end times to reduce the number of people on site. No parents will be allowed into the building, only one family at a time will be allowed to enter the school's main reception. Communication with the school office should be over the phone or via email. We ask that only one parent brings their children to school.
I'm worried that my child has fallen behind in their learning?	All children are in the same situation. When school finally returns to some level of normality, teachers will assess children and plan work to support them in how "gaps" will be filled. We will have to look at learning in a different way, as starting points in September will now be very different. If you have been able to keep up with some daily core learning with your child, that will have helped considerably.
Can you socially distance primary aged pupils?	No. Each class will have a "cleaning pack" which will include wipes and hand sanitizer. Children will have scheduled hand washing to use soap and running water.
Will Year 6 have a leaver's party?	No they will not. We will provide activities in pods relating to transition, however children will not have a party or an assembly.
My only question would be regarding our children in Reception, and obviously having a maximum of 15 in each 'pod' will you be taking back ALL reception children and just splitting them or will you be prioritising who will be in?	We will be accommodating all of our reception pupils as long as we have the appropriate levels of staffing. A number of parents have indicated they will not be sending their child back into school. We will be sending out surveys to ask parents to indicate their intentions and then we will allocate pupils to pods.

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Do we know how any of any transition work will be done? I have no idea of the answer I'm expecting and I'm pretty sure you don't know the answer either but I know a lot of us are worried about this.	I am aware that our secondary schools are considering their options on how they can transition Year 6 pupils into their new schools. I know they take this very seriously and are striving to find ways to make this work. The school your child will be attending in Year 7 will communicate out their plans to you directly.
Will school meal vouchers stop? If I decide it is not safe for my child to return, but they have been offered a place, due to shielding or not shielding?	We are awaiting further guidance from government on this.
Also if you do reopen and we decide not to send our child as he's doing all work, etc. given to him, will we be penalised? Based on government guidance, I don't think it is but before I share the wrong information would you be able to confirm if attendance is essential and if they chose not to attend, if they will be penalised or not?	<p>Parents will not be penalised if their child does not attend school.</p> <p>Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, we have relaxed the law, so that the parent of a child of compulsory school age is not guilty of an offence on account of the child's failure to attend regularly at the school at which the child is registered (Section 444 of the Education Act 1996).</p>
What is the testing exactly about (if required)? To detect the presence of the virus or the anti-bodies?	<p>You can get a throat and nose swab test for whether you currently have coronavirus.</p> <p>All of these kits are throat and nose swab tests and will tell a person whether they had coronavirus at the time the test took place. They cannot tell a person if they have had coronavirus in the past.</p>
Have all the staff/pupils who have already been attending the school whilst it has been closed been tested? If not, will they remain in their own pod as this may cause a threat to the new parents who have been isolating at home already and returning on the 1 st June?	<p>Only pupils / staff who are symptomatic are eligible for testing.</p> <p>Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 will attend the pods for their own year groups. So they are able to be with their peers. There is no provision on the school site over May half-term and this provides a natural 9 day break where these pupils will not have been in contact. On return strict distancing will be in place for these pupils.</p>
I think the PE kit should be washed at least once every two weeks or even once a week if it is particularly dirty, how can that be achieved if the PE kit will remain in school?	<p>Our normal procedure is for PE kits to remain in school for a half term</p> <p>This has worked well previously.</p> <p>If individual parents have a desire to wash and return a PE kit, for a particular reason, we can arrange this.</p>