



GREAT HOLLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you and the children back to school for this new academic year. I trust you will join me in giving a very warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery families joining our wonderful school.

I know starting a new school or a new class can be both exciting and challenging at the same time, but I can assure you our staff are here to help make this transition as seamless as they can and help both new and existing pupils settle back into school life quickly and smoothly.

If you have any concerns or would like to let us know of any events that took place over the summer holidays, please do not hesitate to contact us for so we can offer support to your child where necessary. Please remember a note handed to the teacher or an email into the office are the best ways of communicating with teachers in the morning, please try to keep conversations to the end of the day once all the children have been dismissed.

As always, I start the year with immense excitement about what lies ahead for this academic year. During the year we will do our very best to offer an excellent educational experience for your child. Class teachers will be writing to you in the first few weeks with information on what we need you to do to support your child and keep our teacher/parent partnership strong. Keep an eye out for their information coming soon.

Well Done: SATs Results

I would also like to wish our wonderful ex-pupils the very best when they start their new schools. I am so proud of their achievements as they journeyed through the school along with their amazing SATs results at the end of Year 6, outperforming pupils nationally by up to 10%, which is nothing short of amazing, especially after what they have been through with COVID. I am sure they will start Year 7 with GREATness.

GHPS SATs Results July 2022

	GHPS	National	% Difference
Maths	81%	71%	+10%
Writing	79%	69%	+10%
Reading	75%	74%	+1%
Grammar	75%	72%	+3%
Science	81%	79%	+2%
R W & M	66%	59%	+7%

Reminders

A few reminders to help the start of term go smoothly:

- Please make sure your child has full school uniform, including school shoes and the correct PE uniform: [GHPS Website - School Uniform](#)
- **Our school start time is now 8:45am**, in line with Government updated policy, which means we have a 5-minute rolling start with classroom doors opening at 8:40am. Gates will open from 8:35am. **Please ensure children arrive on time to enter the classrooms before 8:45am.** Any latecomers will need to come in through the main school office.
- **Remember to order your child's school lunch: School lunches must be ordered in advance** - Please order via your SCOPay account (<https://scopay.com/login.html>). If you need the login details for your account, please email the school office.
- **Booking for After School and Morning Club** - if you need to use our wraparound care for your child and have not already emailed or spoken to Mrs Wise, please book their place via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MnagpNeyW8>
- **Being prepared** - please send your child in on Monday with their PE kit, so it can be in place – it will remain in school until half term unless you request it to come home earlier.

Thanks for being a supportive part of #TeamGHPS. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday for the start of what I hope will be another fantastic year.

Yours sincerely



Richard Ferris
Headteacher