

Autumn Newsletter 25th September 2020 - Issue 2

Message from Mrs Haston

Thank you to you, the families for your patience while we adjust to getting the children in and out of school safely. We are grateful to families who drop off and collect children wearing a facial covering to support us in keeping everyone safe and well. Please don't forget to check out what the children have been learning about in school by following us on Twitter

Follow us on Twitter @GoldfinchPrmry – Come and find out what we have been up to this term for yourselves and check out our website www.goldfinchprimary.org.uk

Social Distancing

We ask that you support us in keeping the children, staff and families safe by when you are waiting to drop off and collect children and when you come onto site at the end of the day, you adhere to social distancing. Please try and keep 2 metres apart where possible. We ask that you arrive at school on time and not earlier to avoid having lots of families and children congregating at the gates. Please arrive on time so that we can get the children into school quickly and safely. Thank you

Collecting children at the end of the school day

If you have more than one child that you are collecting at the end of the school day, we ask that you enter through the gate assigned to the year group of your youngest child and move around the playgrounds in year group order where your children will be waiting in their line with an adult. We are unable to bring all of the children to you.

Cunliffe Street Gate new one way system

If the Cunliffe Street gate has been assigned to your child or your youngest child, we have introduced a one way system. Please enter through the gate to your right and then leave through the gate keeping to your left.

Bad weather at the beginning of the school day

Unfortunately, as we head towards the colder and wet weather, we will not be able to open the gates into school earlier due to the need for a staggered start to keep the children apart from one another and so please don't arrive into school too early and make sure you have an umbrella handy!!

Managing sickness during the pandemic at Goldfinch

Children are prone to coughs and colds and we are used to having children becoming unwell. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have been asked to be extra vigilant and the guidance from the government is to send home any child showing

possible symptoms of Covid (*a temperature of 37.8 or above, or a persistent dry cough and/or loss of taste and smell*) We ask families to get a test and not bring their child back until they have had a negative test result. All household members should also remain in isolation until the results are back. If the test results are positive, the child must self-isolate for 10 days and other household members must self-isolate for 14 days. We recognise over the last couple of weeks, it has been very difficult to get a test and so this is why you are being asked for your child to self-isolate for 10 days. Please be patient with us as none of us are medical practitioners and it is always best to seek advice from your GP.

Home Learning Offer while your child is self-isolating

If your child or one of your children develops a high temperature or a persistent cough and you have to self-isolate, home learning will be made available to you. This will be a pack of learning that your child/ren can complete over the 10 days if they are well enough to do so. There may also be some year groups who upload learning on to Google Classroom which many of you will be familiar with as this was what we used for most year groups during lockdown. We ask that you return the completed work when your child returns to school so that it can be marked. If you do not receive home learning in the post after a couple of days, please call the school office where we will check that the pack has been sent to you.

Please also look out for useful links like Mathletics and Bitesize that your children can access while at home. These links will be on the class newsletters and updated accordingly.

Attendance and punctuality

The latest government guidelines state that all children are expected to return to school this term unless your child is deemed clinically vulnerable. We understand that for many families, they may be feeling very anxious about returning to school. We urge you to call the school office to discuss your concerns with a member of SLT.

If your child is absent, please call the school office to inform us. If your child is feeling unwell with symptoms that could be linked to Covid, please **DO NOT** bring your child to school. Please call the school office to inform us and take your child for a Covid test. We ask that you call us once you get the results of the test. If their results are negative and your child is feeling well enough to return to school, please bring them back. If the results are positive, you are required to keep your child at home for 10 days and inform the school.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle of water to school. Currently children cannot access the water fountains around school or out in the playground. It is therefore essential your child has access to a water bottle everyday.



The Aviary

We have vacancies in both our Breakfast and After School Club. If you need childcare before or after school, please let the office know and Ulain Mireku the Aviary manager will get in contact with you to organise a place for your child.

New families looking for a Nursery or Reception place September 2021

If you know of anyone who is looking for a Nursery or Reception place in September 2021, please ask them to call the school office. Unfortunately we are unable to hold weekly school tours at this time, but we can arrange other ways for families to learn about our wonderful school

Free School Transport

Your children may be able to get free transport to school depending on how far the walk is, any special needs they have and whether the walk is safe. All children between 5 and 16 qualify for free school transport if they go to their nearest suitable school and live at least:

- 2 miles from the school if they're under 8
- 3 miles from the school if they're 8 or older

<https://www.gov.uk/free-school-transport>

Polite reminder that we are a nut free school. Could we also ask that you do not bring strawberries to school or on the packed lunch. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your Diary	
Half Term Week	Friday 23 October to Friday 30 October
Individual and siblings School Photos	5 November
Parents Evening Week	w/c 9 November tbc
Professional Day (School will be closed to all children)	13 November
Flu Vaccinations	24 November
Last day of term	Friday 18 December

The EU Project in Wandsworth is asking for your urgent help!

EU citizens need to take urgent action to secure their rights to live in the UK. EU citizens should apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) (settled and pre-settled status) before **31 December 2020**, and they risk losing access to benefits and essential services like the NHS if they don't apply.

Citizens Advice Wandsworth (CAW) works in partnership with Wandsworth Borough Council to provide information and advice about settled status. They can help vulnerable families, those with limited English and anyone who struggles with technology.

Upcoming free e-information events can be found on the Citizens Advice website and you can also download presentations from past events.

Citizens Advice have met many parents who didn't know they had to apply for their children. Children born in the UK are not automatically British. For their future in this country it is very important that they apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if one of their parents is a European citizen. If they don't apply they will have issues to access e.g. NHS and further education.

For more information you can contact the EU project team

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