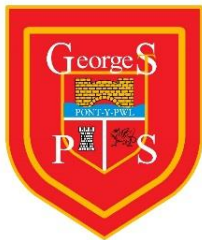


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Friday 11 September 2020

Dear parent/carers

We are at the end of our first week of full operation. It has, of course, been a very busy week and I am sure that children and staff will be glad to catch their breath at the weekend. It has also been a very positive week; children have thoroughly enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers, there has been a lively buzz of activity in all classes and dry weather has enabled us to make the best use of outdoors, including our newly fenced and secure playing field which we were unable to take advantage of last term.

Pupils across the school have adapted very well to the return. They are managing routines well and are comfortable and confident in the processes we have in place. This is a good start but not a source for complacency and we will continue to ensure that everyone's safety in school remains the number one priority, as always.

Next week, following a thorough risk assessment of our arrangements Breakfast Club and hot lunches will restart.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Year group 'bubbles' will sit together at lunchtimes using designated tables. Sittings have been extended to provide additional time for cleaning between the rotation of year groups. This means that children may have lunch earlier or later than previously. There has been no change to the overall length of any child's lunch break.



A menu for lunches is available on the Torfaen website at

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/Menus/Primary-Menu-Schedule.aspx>

Pupils can request a school lunch during morning registration. Lunch orders are then provided to the kitchen and the kitchen staff prepare food based on these. Pupils are not able to alter their choice after ordering.

Please remember that no cash is being handled by school and all payments are to be made online using the details provided at the start of term.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will restart on Monday 14th September.

Who can attend?

Breakfast Club is freely available for pupils from Reception to Year 6. Pupils who have previously been registered for Breakfast Club do not need to be re-registered.

Pupils who have not registered before now will need to do so between Monday 14th and Friday 18th September. They will then be allocated a space to start attending from Monday 21st September.

A registration form for Breakfast Club is available on the school website or can be requested by contacting the school office by phone.

Together we live learn and value

Timing

There will now be two sittings for Breakfast Club:

8.30 – 8.50 for pupils in Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 (*pupils must arrive no later than 8.35*)

8.40 – 9.00 for pupils in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 (*pupils must arrive no later than 8.45*)

PLEASE NOTE: THESE YEAR GROUPS ARE THE YEARS PUPILS WILL BE IN FROM MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

Where one sibling attends the first sitting, any other siblings will be able to attend the first sitting also.

Arriving

Parents of children attending Breakfast Club **must** accompany their child(ren) to the front of the school and wait with them until their child is collected by a member of school staff.

Children will sanitise their hands before entering the hall where they will be seated on specific tables according to their year group. Siblings in different years will not be able to sit together.

Pupils in the first sitting will go to their classes at 8.50. Those in the second will join their classes at 9.00. All children will wash their hands thoroughly before entering their class.



MOVE-UP DAY (Wednesday 16th September)

Next Wednesday all pupils will join their 'new' classes for this year. Please can all parents/carers use the same entrance for drop-off and collection as you have since the start of term.

Staff from your child's new class will be at the entrance to collect them and take them to their new class.

From Monday 21st September, parents/carers may need to use a different entrance to drop pupils off once they start properly in their new class. We will remind everyone of this next week.

Thank you for your continuing support. We have definitely seen this week that when everyone works together things run more smoothly.

Kind regards,

Mr A Brasington