

PE

The children can come to school in their PE kits on the days they have a PE lesson to minimise changing of clothes during the school day. As we are moving into the Autumn, it may not always be warm enough for shorts and children can wear tracksuit/jogging bottoms or similar if they prefer. The year groups will be having PE on the following days for Term 1:

Year R	Wednesday
Years 1 & 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3 & 4	Monday and Friday
Year 5 & 6	Tuesday and Wednesday

What to Bring

We need to minimise the amount of personal belongings brought into school. Your child can bring in a coat and a packed lunch box if required and if necessary a small bag/book bag. Please ensure there are no key rings etc hanging from their bags. The children will be provided with their own packs of stationery to use during the school day so do not bring in pencil cases from home.

Wearing of Face Masks

You may have seen reports of children wearing face masks in school, but the latest Government guidance advises that this is for Secondary pupils only. Should the advice change in the future we will confirm this to you. Adults in school may wear face masks when administering First Aid or working closely with other adults but it will not be necessary for children to wear them. We respect the right for adults to wear masks where they feel that they cannot socially distance.

Homework

We will not be sending homework home for at least the first two weeks of term. If you would like to support your child's learning during this time, please try to read every day and practise basic number skills such as number bonds to 10 and 20, multiplication facts and how to tell the time. We will be sharing our topic areas for the term and the children can start to find out more about these.

School Meals

Please see the attached letter from Aspens regarding details of arrangements for serving school meals. For parents of children in Year 3, please remember you are no longer in receipt of Universal Free School Meals and unless in receipt of certain benefits are eligible Free School Meals, these will have to be paid for at a cost of £2.20 per meal via sQuid.

What to do if you have a concern

Any important conversations that you need to have with the class teacher must be kept very brief as we need to minimise the number of adults on the school site at any one time. You can send a message to the class teacher via the office by either email (office@goatlees.kent.sch.uk) or telephone call (01233 630201).

The school office is also happy to deal with any general enquiries, but once again please use the office email whenever possible as we are restricting access to the reception area as this is the main entrance to the school during the working day.

Where can I find further information

The DfE issued their latest weekly update on 25 August 2020. Parents are encouraged to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school. This includes our latest update to the [guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#).

Finally, I do hope you have found this update helpful. We are really looking to seeing everyone again next Wednesday. I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, whatever the weather!

Take Care

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