

Throughout the year

Please continue to talk to your child about their daily experiences.

If there are any concerns at all, e.g. your child not wishing to come to school or claiming the work is too hard, don't panic! Reassure your child and speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Most importantly we want all of the children to continue to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We look forward to a successful year ahead!

Year 5 Staff contact details (also available on the school website

www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk)

We have an 'Open Door' Policy at Goldington Green Academy. If your child's class teacher is unable to speak to you at the gate or you would like to make an appointment to speak with them, please use the contact details below.

Staff	Telephone	Email
Mrs H. Brewin (Monkey Puzzle Class Teacher)	326335	hbrewin@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk
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Helping Your Child Move into Year 5



In addition to this booklet, there will be a **video introduction** to Year 5. Your child will also spend time with their new Class Teacher before starting Year 5.

Routines

Children are able to come to school from 8.30 and there will be a safe designated space in school for them to wait until the beginning of lessons. Children are able to and from walk to school by themselves with parental written permission. Your child may bring fruit or vegetable for break time. This should not be a wrapped bar or 'Fruit Winder' style snack. It is also very important that children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Your child will use Junior Librarian every week and take out books from here or the book corners. In Year 5, children's library books can go home but if they are lost or damaged, a fee will be charged to replace the book.

Children can bring trainers in a plastic bag to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes but must wear school shoes in the classroom.

Structure of the day

As the children come into school they will undertake a learning task, as the register is completed. It is very important that children are on time each morning as if they are late they will miss this important aspect of their learning. The school day will usually follow this routine:

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30 Register – spellings, memory builders and times tables• 9:00 Maths• 10:00 Playtime• 10:20 GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling)• 10:45 English• 11:40 Assembly• 12:00 Lunchtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13:00 Register• 13:00 Reading Comprehension• 13:30 Foundation subjects or Science• 14:40 Maths Basic Skills• Home time at 15:00

Children are encouraged to use the toilet at playtime and lunchtime so their learning is not interrupted.

Year 5 have PE on **Thursday mornings** and will need to come into school in their PE kit (they will **not** change back into school uniform).

Your child is able to bring a pencil case however all resources will be available. They must bring their planners in every day.

Homework

The Government recommended time for homework is 1.5 hours per week for Year 5 children. Homework is set weekly on Mirodo and Google Classroom - online learning tools – your child will receive a login for this. If your child does not have internet access or computers at home, Chromebooks will be available one lunchtime a week for the children to complete their homework tasks. Your child will also receive a homework grid to be completed that term. It is important that this is completed to ensure that routines are in place and your child is ready for year 6 and secondary school. If your child or you are unsure of any of the tasks, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Weekly spellings will also be sent home for your child to practise daily. We will test your child's spellings on a Friday. The children will receive a maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) sheet every half term to help them remember the key facts needed to make their maths calculations more efficient.

Reading with your child at home

Children must read daily at home. If your child has read to someone outside of school hours please write a comment in their planner. Children will be awarded badges, certificates and a special mention in celebration assembly if they read daily. If your child is ready to change their book they should tell their teacher as they come into school. Reading books and planners must be brought to school every day.

Clubs

There will be variety of lunchtime and after school clubs available and these will be dependent on staff expertise and interests. The majority of clubs are initially for Key Stage 2. Letters will be sent out regarding clubs at the beginning of each term.

Preparing for Year 5

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read books and magazines regularly at home.
- ❖ Encourage child to immediately recall all the times tables up to 12, both in order and randomly.
- ❖ Continue to encourage your child to use a dictionary and continue to practise spellings.
- ❖ The children have the option of bringing their own pencil cases and classroom equipment (but this can also be provided by class teachers).
- ❖ Ensure your child has the Upper Key Stage 2 uniform.
- ❖ Reassure your child about the move into Year 5 – it is an exciting time!

All information contained in this booklet is subject to change due to COVID-19.