

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 1 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
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Helping Your Child Move into Year 1



In addition to this booklet, there will be a **video introduction** to Year 1. This will be an opportunity for your child's new class teacher to further explain and share additional information about routines and procedures in school. Your child will also spend time with their new Class Teacher before starting Year 1. If you have any concerns or need advice, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

Note: All information contained in the booklet is subject to change due to Covid 19.

Routines

- To support children in becoming independent learners we ask that parents and carers say goodbye to their children at the school gate.
- Your child will be given a piece of fruit or vegetable each day.
- It is very important that children bring named water bottle to school every day.
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- Your child will visit the Library every week and will withdraw books from the library. In Year 1 children's library books stay in their drawer for them to read in class time only.

Structure of the day

As the children come into school they will complete daily spellings 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"> • Gates open at 8.45am • Spellings • Phonics • English • Playtime at 10:25am • Reading Comprehension • Maths • Lunchtime at 12:15pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register • Handwriting • Topic learning • Maths Basic skills • Assembly • Story time • Home time at 3.15pm

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

It is the school expectation that the correct uniform will be worn at all times, including the correct PE kit and the correct footwear. Long hair should be tied back and a pair of small stud earrings maybe worn. Year 1 have PE on Thursday afternoon and will need to come into school in their school uniform, with their PE kit in their bag to change into.

Homework

Homework is set weekly and your child will receive their own named homework folder with a set of three task books inside. Every Friday your child will receive a task sheet on google classroom that explains which tasks your child should complete. If you or your child 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 be sent home for your child to practice daily. We will test your child's spellings on a Friday. There will also be an

optional half termly creative piece of homework for your child to complete. If you require any resources to complete the activities, please ask your child's class teacher.

Reading with your child at home

Children should be encouraged to read **daily** at home. If your child has read to you at home please write a comment in their diary. If your child is ready to change their book they should place it in the reading box as they come into school. Reading books and diaries should be brought to school every day. Each time your child reads at home on an evening this will be celebrated by your child moving up on their class 'Reading Rocket.' The children who reach the top of the rocket by Friday receive a certificate which will be presented to them in our whole school celebration assembly.

Clubs

Children will be collected from their classroom at the end of the day and taken to after school clubs, including Honeysuckle. 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 1

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read regularly at home.
- ❖ Continue to encourage your child to write in cursive script.
- ❖ Encourage greater independence- dress and undress for P.E, be responsible for own belongings.
- ❖ Reassure your child about the move into Year 1 – it is an exciting move!