

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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From the smallest seeds to the tallest trees, always aiming higher: 'Give, Grow & Aspire'

Helping Your Child Move into Year 1



In addition to this booklet, there will be a 'Meet and Greet' opportunity in your child's new classroom on Tuesday 16th July at 3.00pm. Come and collect your child from their new classroom and you will get the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher.

Routines

- To support children in becoming independent learners we ask that parents and carers say goodbye to their children at the classroom door.
- 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.
- Your child will have a visit from the librarian once a week and she will share stories with the class.

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 a routine similar to the one below:

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gates open at 8.30am• 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 3.00pm

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 Thursdays and will need to come into school in their PE kit.

Homework

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. Reading books and diaries should be brought to school every day. Each time your child reads at home they will be moved 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 Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly.

Heritage Bags

Learning about different cultural and family traditions is important to us at Goldington Green Academy. Over the course of the year your child will bring home one of our green heritage bags. It will contain a book alongside a set of instructions about how it should be completed. When the bag is brought home you will be given an instruction as to when it should be returned. Please try to complete this book. Your child will love telling their peers about their home-life and in turn all of the children will learn so much from them.

Clubs

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

Preparing for Year 1

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read regularly at home.
- ❖ 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!
- ❖ Name all of your child's uniform, including coats and shoes.