

### 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 4 Staff contact details** (also available on the school website [www.goldingtongreen.co.uk](http://www.goldingtongreen.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 door or you would like to make an appointment to speak with them, please use the contact details below.

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**Like little seeds, always  
aiming higher,  
Give, Grow and Aspire.**

## Helping Your Child Move into Year 4



In addition to this booklet, there will be a **Familiarisation Meeting** held early in the Autumn term. 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 4.

### Routines

To support children in becoming independent learners we ask that parents and carers say goodbye to their children at the exterior classroom door.

Your child may bring a **fresh** piece of 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 named water bottle to school every day.

Your child will visit the Library every week and withdraw 2 books; a fiction and non-fiction. In Year 4, children's library books can go home but if they are lost or damaged, a fee will be charged to replace the book.

### **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"><li>• Maths</li><li>• Playtime</li><li>• GPS</li><li>• English</li><li>• Lunchtime (12.30pm)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Register</li><li>• Assembly</li><li>• Basic Skills Activity</li><li>• Topic learning activities</li><li>Home time at 3.20pm</li></ul>

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

Year 4 have PE on Tuesday morning and will need to come into school in their uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change into.

### **Homework**

The Government recommended time for homework is 1.5 hour per week for Year 4 children. Homework is set weekly and your child will receive their set of task books inside. 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 5 and beyond. 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 practice daily. We will test your child's spellings on a Friday.

### **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 tell their teacher as they come into school. Reading books and diaries should 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 4**

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read books and magazines regularly at home.
- ❖ Encourage children to recall all of the times tables by rote, as this will benefit your child with maths.
- ❖ Continue to encourage your child to use a dictionary and continue to practice spellings.
- ❖ Reassure your child about the move into Year 4 – it is an exciting time!