



GODFREY ERMEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 4th September, 2023

Dear Families,

We hope that you have all had a lovely Summer and are looking forward to the start of the school year. We are excited to welcome you all back for the start of another great year!

Our new school phone number is 0161 399 1416 – please make a note of this in your phones and with your families.

Start of the Year – Key Information

The School Day – starts at 8.45am

Please remember that the School Day starts promptly at **8.45 am** and finishes at **3:15pm**. Therefore, the school gates will open as follows:

EYs and KS1 Gate on School Road – the gate will open at 8.30am **but will close at 8.45am**.

Parents and Carers must wait with their child until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am.

Gates open at 3:00pm for you to wait for your children at the end of the day.

N and KS2 Gate on Edison Road – the gate will open at 8.35am **but will close at 8.45am**.

Nursery Parents/Carers must wait with their child until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am. KS2 children are welcome to wait on the KS2 Playground until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am. Gates open at 3:00pm for you to wait on the playground at the end of the day.

If you are collecting from 2 different parts of school, please pick up your youngest child first. Staff will wait for you to collect other children. Please speak to staff if there are any issues.

Lateness

If you arrive with your child after 8.45am, the playground gates will be locked as lessons begin at 8:45am. After this time, you will need to bring your child to the School Office to sign them in. Whilst we know that sometimes things happen to cause occasional lateness, it is so important to be on time for school, as this sets good expectations and good habits for life. We are very grateful for your support in getting your child to school on time.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes into school in the correct uniform everyday. Details of the policy can be found on the school website in letters and policies. They will need to bring their PE kit separately and get changed into their kit in school. Please send them with the correct kit at the start of the half term.

[Microsoft Word - School Uniform Policy - GEMS 2023 \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](http://www.gems-salford.co.uk)

If you are finding uniform difficult to get hold of, please come and speak to us about any support you or your child might need. Don't forget our pre-loved uniform in the main entrance!



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We expect children to look smart at all times as they represent our school so well so we will continue to promote our uniform expectations.

Jewellery/Earrings

Please note that for health and safety reasons, we do not allow jewellery in school and that only stud earrings are allowed and a watch (no smart watches). On PE days, stud earrings should be taken out at home, so your child can take part safely in all lessons.

School dinners

Please order your child's school dinners in advance. Orders can be placed over the weekend and as far in advance as you would like. By talking to your child about their dinners you can make a choice together and know what they are having.

Healthy Schools and Allergies

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them. No metal or glass bottles please. Children can fill up their water bottles throughout the day.

Packed lunches need to be healthy – so we request that you do not put sweets or chocolate into the lunches – thank you!

We are a nut-free school so request that children are not sent with anything in their lunches that could contain nuts or nut products.

Birthdays

We are aware that food allergies are on the rise, which brings such a risk to some children in our school. We do not want some children to be excluded from certain birthday treats because they have a food intolerance. We are also acutely aware of the continuing rising cost of living which is affecting all of us. Therefore, continuing on from last academic year, we want to remind you not to send in birthday treats for the children in class – but we will help your child to celebrate their special day in school! Your child can still come into school in their own clothes and we will all enjoy singing 'Happy Birthday' to them at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this issue.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our school governing board. If you are interested in what this role is, please come and see myself or Mrs Stanger and we can talk you through the expectations.

More information will be sent out separately next week.

An overview of the school year and current dates for your diary can be found on the next page. There will be other activities in school and class trips which we will update you on throughout the year. Please put these dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at our family events!



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Date	Activity	Time
Tuesday 5 th September	Term starts	8:45am
Monday 25 th September – Friday 29 th September	120 year anniversary celebration week – <i>details to follow</i>	
Monday 2 nd October	Parents' Evening	3:30 – 6:00
Wednesday 4 th October		
Friday 13 th October	Harvest collection	
Half – term holiday starts: Friday 20th October Back to school: Tuesday 31st October		
Monday 13 th November – Friday 17 th November	Interfaith week – <i>details to follow</i>	
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day (collection for the fair) Family Christmas activities in school	9:00 -10:00
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Fair	3:30 – 5:00
Monday 11 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity	
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service	
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity	
Thursday 14 th December	Winter Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 15 th December	Class parties	
End of term: Friday 15th December Back to school: Wednesday 3rd January		
Monday 12 th February	Parents' Evening	3:30 – 6:00
Wednesday 14 th February		
Half – term holiday starts: Friday 16th February Back to school: Tuesday 27th February		
Friday 8 th March	It's A Spring Thing – family event	9:00 – 10:00
Monday 25 th March – Thursday 28 th March	Easter Activities – <i>details to follow</i>	
Thursday 28 th March	Years 5 and 6 Easter Eucharist	To be confirmed
End of term: Thursday 28th March Back to school: Monday 15th April		
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week	
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Sports Week	
Half – term holiday starts: Friday 24th May Back to school: Tuesday 4th June		
Tuesday 4 th June – Friday 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June	Phonic Screening Check	
Wednesday 5 th June – Friday 7 th June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential	
Friday 21 st June	Non-uniform day (collection for fair)	
Thursday 27 th June	Year 6 Transition Days	
Friday 28 th June		
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fair	3:30 – 5:00
Wednesday 10 th July	Reports sent out	
Friday 12 th July	Meet The Teacher meetings and family activities	9:00 - 10:00
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist	
End of the school year: Wednesday 24th July		