



Dear Parents and Carers

Gilberdyke Rocks!

The first week back has been a JOY! It feels fantastic to have our children back in school, where they belong and we couldn't be happier with how they have returned, full of beans and ready to learn!

The safety arrangements have gone smoothly thanks to everyone working together – you have adhered to the drop-off and collection windows and respected the needs of everyone entering our site, thank you for the care, consideration and kindness. The flow into school and out feels like a lazy river – this is exactly what we were aiming for!

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have risen to the challenge of bringing themselves into school independently which has significantly reduced the numbers of adults on the footpath so a HUGE High Five to them and their families for supporting and promoting independence at this time.

Reminders

Just a few reminders to keep things fresh and ensure the success of this week continues into next:

- For Years 1 to 6 (Starlings, Finches, Kestrels, Falcons, Ospreys and Eagles), the morning drop-off window is between 8.45 and 9.00am (please ensure your child is in their classroom by 9am for registration).
- For Foundation stage (Wrens and Robins) the drop off window is between 8.55 and 9.10am
- The collection window is between 3.15 and 3.30pm for all pupils but we encourage parents of those in foundation stage to collect at 3.15pm
- **Please observe distancing on the path and whilst on site, ensuring that your child/ren stay near you at all times. The yellow, painted arrows are spaced 2m apart so please use these as a guide on the footpath.**

PE next week and beyond

Please see the separate letter from Mrs Binsley

Contact

As ever, we place great value on our partnerships with families and the community but under the current circumstances, parents will only be allowed into school on an appointment basis in order to safeguard the community. For now, we must utilise other communication channels in the interests of everyone's safety.

During arrival and collection times, staff will be unable to have face to face conversations with parents and family members but please do not hesitate to contact the office by phone or email and your child's teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

Breakfast club

If you wish to send your child to breakfast club, please complete the booking form emailed last week and return it to: enquiries@gilberdykeprimary.co.uk There are only limited spaces available at this time.

Enjoy a rest this weekend, the children will certainly be ready to relax and have some downtime as we readjust to the routines and rigour of school once more – as will the staff!!!

Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact via our enquiries@gilberdykeprimary.co.uk email account.

Take care

Melissa Shirley

Headteacher