

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great start to the new half-term: the pupils have come back with an abundance of enthusiasm and confidence. Although this is normal behaviour for our pupils, I just wanted to reassure you that your children are adaptable and resilient – they are a true credit to you and our community!

In regards to the new national restrictions that are due to come into force on Thursday, I just wanted to reassure you that school will be open for all children and that we will be continuing to follow the Phase 3 protocols and procedures. We have been following these procedures since September and they have worked well to minimise the risks and reduce the transmission of Covid-19. Therefore, it is very much business as usual.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/gadevalleyjuniorhertfordshire/UploadedDocument/0700663a37864a258c6a8a9b1fc78df6/phase-3-full-opening-plan-september-2020.pdf>

I would like to remind you of the drop-off and collection procedures that we have and how important it is for you to 'play your part' in keeping the school open and safe.

The key expectations that we would like you to adhere to:

- Keep your distance (maintaining a 2m distance at all times).
- One adult only per family on the school grounds.
- Please do not congregate in or around the school grounds.
- Enter and exit using the one-way system.
- Please arrive to drop-off and collect at the allocated time.

Drop-off	Classes	Collection
8:40am	Reception Year 3	2:50pm
8:50am	Nursery Year 5	11:50am 3:00pm
9:00am	Year 2 Year 4	3:10pm
9:10am	Year 6 Year 1	3:20pm

Please try and arrive no earlier than five minutes before your allotted time. If you are walking, please time your walk so you arrive at the correct time and if you are driving (and arrive early) please wait in your car until the correct time. I must stress how important it is to adhere to the class times so that we can reduce the amount of people on or around the school site. Please also note that siblings should be dropped off at the earliest time and collected at the latest time.

Senior clinicians still advise that school is the best place for children to be; therefore, it remains very important that your children attend school to support their wellbeing and education. If you have any questions or queries about the current procedures, please e-mail via the school office parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk and I will endeavour to respond by phone.

Thank you again for all of your fantastic support – it is really appreciated by myself and all of the staff.

Best Wishes

Mr Barron