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**RE: Information in readiness for September 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of another academic year – I am sure that you will agree that this year really does feel like it has flown by!

Yesterday, your child got to meet their new class teacher and you should have received a letter from their new teacher informing you of who this will be.

Ahead of the new academic year, I would like to share with you some important information about our intended return to school in September so that this is smooth for you and your child/ren when you return on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** (polite reminder that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are staff training days so the school is closed to pupils).

**School day:**

Our new school day timings will commence when we return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September:

	<b>Start of day</b>	<b>End of day</b>
Early Years	0830	3:30pm
Key Stage 1	0830	3:30pm
Key Stage 2	0830	3:30pm
	<i>Children will be going into class at 8:30am 1pm finish on a Friday afternoon for all pupils</i>	

**PE lessons:**

To ensure that all children receive two hours of high-quality PE each week, our PE curriculum will be continue to be delivered by qualified sports coaches.

PE will be delivered on the following days and we ask that children attend school in their PE kit (including their House t-shirt) on these days. PE will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Year 1	Year 4	Year 3
Year 5	Year 6	Year 2

**School Uniform:**

Our school uniform is what unites our children as proud members of the Gorse Hill School community and, as a result, full school uniform is expected to be worn each day.

The Gorse Hill Primary School uniform consists of:

- A light blue/white polo shirt (white preferred), shirt, or blouse.
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, or skirt.
- Blue checked dresses in the summer.
- Black school shoes (no heels please)
- House coloured t-shirt for PE (information below)

**House System:**

All pupils will remain in their existing House Team and new pupils will be allocated to a House Team: **Red Fire**, **Yellow Air**, **Green Earth** or **Blue Water**. In September, your child will receive a House t-shirt which the school has paid for again this year. It is expected that they will wear this t-shirt for all PE lessons to enable them to compete in House teams. Please note, other shirts of the same colour (i.e. football shirts) are not acceptable kit for PE.

**Extra-curricular clubs:**

We intend to continue to offer sports-based clubs which encourage our pupils to be physically active. These will be delivered on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by our sports coaches. Clubs will start at 3:35pm and finish at 4:15pm.

**Thank you and good bye to ...**

This year, we are saying goodbye to Miss Spoor and Mrs Lawrie who have both supported our school during the summer term. We would like to thank them and wish both of them the very best of success with their new roles – Mrs Lawrie is staying within our Trust and Mrs Spoor is moving into the private education sector. Miss Weston will also no longer be teaching at Gorse Hill School and is seeking pastures new. As you know, Mrs Edwards will also be starting a new role as Head of School of Southbroom Infant School in September. We would like to thank her enormously for the brilliant contributions that she has made to Gorse Hill School in her 12 years here. We are sad to see her go, but very much know that she will flourish as a Head of School because she is such a talented individual.

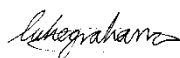
**Welcome to ...**

We would also like to welcome three new members of staff who will be joining us in the new year: Miss Dodson will be teaching in Year 3 following a successful teacher training placement with us. Miss Moorhouse will be teaching in Year 5 and has spent the last three weeks of term in school getting to know the children. Finally, Miss Truman will be joining us as an experienced teacher. Miss Truman will be joining us from Drove School. We look forward to welcoming these staff members to our team.

**Thank you to you, our parents and carers ...**

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff at Gorse Hill School, I would like to thank you for the support that you have shown our school this year, and wish you and your family a happy and restful break over the summer holidays. I look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr L Graham  
Principal