

Dear Griffin Parents/ Carers

I am delighted to write to you this morning with a very quick update before we return to Griffin next week! We hope you have all had a great summer (if a somewhat rainy one!)

Our teachers and staff are looking forward to their return on Wednesday 1st September for 2 action packed CPD days focused on teaching & learning next year to ensure all of our students make some strong academic progress and have lots of fun!

All of our students in Y1-Y6 are due back at 8.55am on Friday 3rd September. We appreciate it's a strange day to return but we would ask everyone to make sure students are back at Griffin that day for their 1st day with their new Teacher and class.

Our Nursery & Reception students have received separate information from our EYFS Team explaining their start pattern at Griffin (welcome everyone!) Please check in with Louise Black if you have any questions:

lblack@griffinprimary.org

At the start of term we will continue using our different gates for arrival and departure.

- Nursery & Reception - EYFS Gate
- Y1 & Y2 - front main entrance
- Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6 - black playground gate

We hope and expect to be able to return to us all meeting in the playground again very soon!

Whilst we are working to new unlocking government rules, we will, of course, be sensible, vigilant and remain as Covid-safe as possible to ensure all our students, staff and families remain safe at all times. Please keep in close contact with us around student health as always.

Before we return, please make sure you check our Griffin uniform list on the website ready for a 'perfect' uniform start to the new academic year. In particular, please check our PE kit list: students should wear plain black shorts or grey tracksuit bottoms and white T. shirts. They should not have any logos or patterns. Trainers may only be worn for PE and at the beginning of the day for the Daily Mile (if students want to). They must be changed for black school shoes after running. I will write and send a 'welcome letter' on Friday 3rd September and we will confirm PE days.

A reminder that universal free school meals are for our Reception, Y1 and Y2 students. All other students (including Nursery) will need to purchase a meal each day or bring a packed lunch. Meals must be purchased in advance and students need to remain on the same meal pattern for a whole half term. This means the kitchen is able to order and cook the right amount of food each week and day.

Most importantly if you believe you may be entitled to FSM please contact Maggie or Alison in the office: admin@griffinprimary.org asap and they will help you with an application. This is important even if your daughter/ son is in Reception, Y1 and Y2 - it will ensure you receive holiday vouchers and other benefits linked to this status. If in doubt please check!

We will be in touch very soon to give details about our early morning Breakfast Club (we expect to begin this on Monday 9th September) and After School Clubs.

We will include a Calendar update in our letter on Friday next week - (hoping we can bring back some of our parent/ carer Griffin events very soon!)

That's all from me today - wishing you a great final Bank Holiday today.

If you have any questions before next Friday please just email: karenbs@griffinprimary.org.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week!

Karen