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Dear Families,

Please remember that no adults should come onto the school premises, and follow the signs around the school gate. We would also remind you about keeping a 2m distance from others at the start and end of the day: if it looks busy around the gates then consider waiting across the road until people have moved away. If you are arriving outside of the usual start/finish times please call the office on **01904 470272** and someone will come out to you. If you are dropping off or picking up for Breakfast & After School Club please ring the MOBILE number **07393 516263** and someone will come to you.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> changes** This week the government have announced the next set of changes as the lockdown restrictions are eased, including the opening of restaurants, cinemas, museums etc.

In school we are still bound by the DFE's operational guidance for schools (a link to this is on our website) which means there are NO changes for us from next week. All our arrangements around timings and access to school remain the same, as does the requirement for all adults to wear face coverings in communal areas, and for all contractors and other visitors to come into school by appointment only. Breakfast and after school club are operating again on a pre-booked basis, and our after school sports clubs are continuing.

**Parking** We are having more and more problems with cars parking in the layby at the front of school. This is a BUS STOP not a parking zone, and cars MUST NOT be parked here. The 3 school buses need access to this area at the start and end of the day so that the children can get on and off safely. This is becoming a real problem at the end of the day when the buses need to wait for all the children to finish school. Please help by keeping this area clear.

For older children who are being dropped off by family members who are just pulling over, if the layby is clear it is fine to continue with this as long as the driver is able to move away quickly again. Can we also ask that, if you are doing this, you follow the direction of the traffic as it is also causing some issues when cars are pulling out against oncoming traffic or performing u-turns. Station Lane is a quiet residential street we need to do everything we can to keep traffic and pedestrians safe.

**School uniform** Please can we ask that children in the Reception year upwards do not bring anything to school other than their basic equipment, and are wearing their school uniform, including school shoes. Trainers should only be worn for PE and at lunchbreak if older children want to change shoes. No jewellery other than a basic watch/Fitbit type or small plain stud earrings should be worn in case this gets lost or damaged: so no rings, necklaces or bracelets please.

Finally, just a reminder that children with earrings must be able to take these out themselves for PE as tape/plasters cannot be used. If you are going to let your child have their ears

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pierced please make sure this is at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed when they return to school.

## Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo  
award winners!

Rafferty Gibson	Bronze
Erin Anakwe	Silver

**Home testing for family members** All families with school age children can access regular Lateral Flow Device testing. *Please note, these tests are for adults without symptoms, not children.* These are the rapid tests which staff are using regularly to identify any cases without symptoms, and they are completely voluntary.

**Please do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is showing COVID-19 symptoms. For anyone showing symptoms, a PCR test at a local test centre should be booked ASAP through the NHS website.**

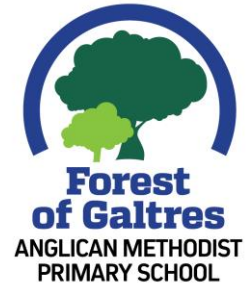
**Please contact us by email at [office@fog.hlt.academy](mailto:office@fog.hlt.academy)** to report any cases. Please also be assured that any contact with families about cases will not name any individual children or adults.

**Suspected cases within our school** If your child, or anyone in your household, has any COVID symptoms please let us know as soon as possible, and ensure you book a test for them, letting us know results ASAP. Where people are really struggling to access tests for children either in person or by post, we do have a small number of home testing kits in school which we can issue but the swabbing is not straightforward and we do not have enough for every family. Please let us know if you may need one of these.

**Keeping in touch with staff** All staff emails follow the format [initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy](mailto:initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy) but staff can also be contacted through Tapestry and Google Classroom. Please be aware that the member of staff you are trying to contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you.

**e-letters** the following letters have been sent this week. Copies are also available on the school website [www.forestofgaltresprimary.org](http://www.forestofgaltresprimary.org)

- Football holiday courses



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Letters which have reply slips (eg the club booking forms) can be completed electronically and emailed back to school at [office@fog.ht.academy](mailto:office@fog.ht.academy)

## Diary dates

28.5.21 School closes for half term  
7.6.21 School opens  
23.7.21 School closes for summer

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.