John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School
Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

Parent/Carer guidance for returning to John of Gaunt September 2021

We have taken the necessary steps that are required in order to reduce the risk of virus transmission at John of Gaunt and John Bear's Nursery and we will continue to review our arrangements to ensure that they align with current advice where it changes.

It is understandable that you may be worried about the safety of your children as they all return to school. It is important that we keep each other safe and we want to assure you about the measures we have put in place in order to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and to ask for your support with this.

To reduce the transmission of the virus a combination of approaches is required to break the chain of infection wherever possible and Public Health England are clear that if we follow these requirements the risk of transmission will be lowered. The following arrangements are in place for this reason.

All children are expected to return to school in September 2021. We are no longer required to operate in bubbles and can return to mixing the children as normal.

From the Hungate Street entrance we are going to continue our one way system gates to avoid congestion on the path.

Arrival and Departure

We are no longer required to operate a staggered start and finish.

Main School

Start 8.50am and Finish 3.10pm. Pleasure ensure that you arrive on time in the mornings and collect punctually.

Nursery

Breakfast Club from 7.30am

Core Sessions start 9am and then either collection at 12pm or 3pm

Tea club 1 from 3pm until 4.30pm

Tea Club 2 from 4.30pm until 6pm

Procedure

Nursery

1) Polar Bear class will enter the nursery through the side gate to the left of the nursery building
2) Panda Bear class will enter the nursery through the front door

3) Staff will be on the gate/door to welcome your child into nursery
4) Parents/Carers will not accompany their child into the nursery setting.
5) At the end of your child's session we are able to invite you into the setting to collect. If this is 12pm please come into the nursery through the front door. If this is 3pm then please come into the nursery through your entrance place.
6) If using the extended provision please use the doorbell on the front door to alert staff to your arrival.

Leopard and Turtle Class (Reception)

1) From Hungate Street please enter through the gate between John of Gaunt and Bure Valley School, walk along the path and across the playground, round John Bear's room and then make your way to the back playground where you can wait for the teachers to come out. When leaving the site please use the gate near the kitchen (under the pipe)
2) From the Norwich Road follow the path down the field and you will see the back playground in front of you.
3) Once the teachers have come out in the mornings please encourage your child to line up and follow the teacher's into school.
4) At 3.10pm please wait in the same place and teachers will come out with the children.

Elephant and Otter Class (Year 1)

1) From the Hungate Street entrance please make your way to the mobiles using the one way system gates and following the path;
2) From the Norwich Road entrance please make your way along the path and then across the field to the mobiles;
3) All children will use the main mobile entrance;
4) At the end of the day please observe the one way system with the gates.

Giraffe and Zebra Class (Year 2)

1) From the Hungate Street entrance please make your way onto the playground using the one way system gates and wait on the main playground;
2) From the Norwich Road entrance please make your way along the path and onto the playground;
3) At the end of the day please observe the one way system with the gates;
4) Giraffe class will enter and exit through the door off the playground;
5) Zebra class will enter and exit using the ramp into or out of the hall.

Clothing

1) Children should wear their full uniform as normal;
2) Children will need their normal coat, hat etc. according to weather conditions;
3) There is no need to wash clothing and children any more than normal after a day at school/nursery;
4) Please wear shoes to school/nursery and not wellies as children will remain in their shoes all day and not change into plimsolls. Please ensure that children can put on

and take off their own shoes independently to change in to wellies. Velcro is a great invention and laces are tricky when you are little!

5) Children in the main school will need wellies in school for when the weather is wet and for outdoor learning;
6) Children in the main school will need a PE kit and we will not be able to lend PE kit so please make sure that they always have a full kit in school;
7) Nursery children will need wellies for outside play.

Ventilation

1) We are still required to keep spaces well ventilated;
2) Classrooms will use their doors and windows to keep spaces ventilated and we are being provided with CO2 monitors to check levels of ventilation;
3) During the colder weather please ensure your child has adequate layers of clothing to manage this increased ventilation.

Hand washing and Toileting

1) Children will be expected to wash/sanitise their hands on arrival in school and before departure;
2) Children will be expected to wash their hands before and after eating;
3) Children will be expected to wash their hands after using the toilet;
4) Children will be expected to wash/sanitise their hands before using equipment and after using equipment for instance during playtimes;
5) There may be other times during the day when hand washing/sanitisation is necessary;
6) Children may need to apply hand cream to their hands following a day at school;

Hygiene

1) Staff will clean more often than normal with anti-bacterial wipes and antibacterial spray.
2) Specific attention will be given to high touch points such as chairs, tables, door handles, light switches, door jams etc.
3) Year groups have their own toilet facilities and these will be cleaned regularly. Pupils must be encouraged to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet;
4) All classrooms and communal areas are fitted with hand sanitizers. Handwashing will be part of the school culture;
5) Tissues will be available in all classrooms in order to Catch It, Kill it, Bin it. They will be disposed of in a lidded bin;

Children's Health

1) Parents/Carers need to check their child's general health before setting out for school/nursery
2) Children must not travel on school transport if they have symptoms of Covid-19

3) Children should not be present in school/nursery with a high temperature (over 37.8°), a persistent cough or a change in taste or smell as these are the main symptoms of the coronavirus
4) Children also seem to have a variety of symptoms as well as the above so if your child is at all unwell please consider carefully whether they can attend school and if in doubt please telephone before coming out;
5) Children presenting with symptoms whilst in school/nursery, will be taken to an isolation space and parents will be expected to collect them.
6) Children displaying symptoms should have a test arranged for them by their parents/carers with the school/nursery informed as soon as that test result comes through – in the event that they test positive for Covid-19 they will be asked to remain off school/nursery for 10 days
7) Children receiving a negative test result will be allowed back to school the next day;
8) Children will be taught about good respiratory hygiene and the catch it, kill it, bin it routine

Contact Tracing and Isolation Rules

1) We are no longer required to carry out contact tracing when a member of staff or pupil tests positive for Covid-19. This will be carried out by NHS Track and Trace;
2) Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19 or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19 if any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

3) If an individual is a close contact they will be contacted by NHS track and Trace and asked to get a PCR test. They do not need to isolate whilst awaiting the results of the PCR test.

Behaviour

1) Children will be expected to follow the behaviour policy and procedures just as they did before
2) House points will still be awarded
3) The house point trophy will be awarded to the winning house each week
4) A child will immediately move to Red if they use the coronavirus to scare other children i.e. deliberately coughing in someone's face and claiming to have the virus;
5) Parents will be notified in the normal way;
6) Persistent misuse of the coronavirus as a threat to others may even lead to exclusion;

Food

1) Main school children will choose their lunch each day with their class teacher;
2) Nursery children will need to bring their own packed lunch in as normal as they are not entitled to the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)
3) Main school children will have their snack and milk (if ordered) as usual in the morning
4) Nursery children will have a snack morning and afternoon which will include a choice of milk or water

Contingency Plan

1) A contingency plan is in place for a change in expectations on either a national, local or school level;
2) This contingency plan may see us needing to revert back to year group bubbles, using face coverings and potential online learning if national conditions dictate or school conditions dictate for a period of time due to a high number of Covid-19 cases.

General

1) The nursery car park is only to be used by nursery parents/carers
2) If you are using public transport to get to school please wear face coverings to travel to school
3) Please ensure that you all wash your hands on arrival at home
4) If using hand sanitiser it is important to ensure that hands are dry before touching any ignition sources or surfaces
5) Avoid touching faces with unclean hands