

Dear Parents and Carer,

We have arrived at the end of our first week of school already. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to the classroom, enjoying their learning and socialising with their friends again. Within school, every child seems to have settled well but we realise that at home they may still be displaying some levels of anxieties. In response to this, Miss Harder wrote and sent information about how we are supporting the children's needs at school and how you can at home – we hope this was useful.

Visitors:

As you are aware, we are keeping visitors to the school at a minimum, however any visitor entering the school building will need to wear a mask.

Illness:

Please be aware, that if your child becomes unwell during the school day, we will be taking their temperature using a forehead thermometer and will be contacting parents to come and collect their child, if they have a temperature.

Entrances and Exits:

Thank you so much for following the one-way system around the school. The timings and system appear to be working well and therefore this will be continuing.

Parent Hub:

I know you have been made aware of the difficulties we have had with Parent Hub to allow class channels to be established and accessed. Parent Hub is our key communication tool and we are all feeling very lost without it. Unfortunately, the problems are unable to be resolved at school level, which is why there has been such a delay. All our classes can't wait to share their learning once again and we hope this will be very soon.

We are also aware there are two channels - Gamlingay Village Primary and Gamlingay Village Primary New – we are sorry if this has caused some confusion, as I know correspondence has been sent on both channels. We will only be using the 'New' channel from this point, so please refer to this in future.

Thank You and Goodbye:

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Spence who voluntarily worked very hard to develop and catalogue our library. We will miss her dedication, as she has made the decision not to return to GVP following lockdown. And, today we wished Miss Slater all the very best as she left to begin her adoption leave – we all look forward to hearing about the next chapter of her life!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend – I know the staff are looking forward to a rest after a full first week, so I am sure all our pupils are too. I look forward to welcoming everyone on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Shelley Desborough