



2024-2025

Welcome to Gamlingay Village Primary School



Useful email addresses:

office@gamlingayvp.org

General enquires and any communication with the EYFS team before September.

Gam-EYFS@gamlingayvp.org

*For emails direct to your child's class teacher. Please **only use from September 2024.***

absence@gamlingayvp.org

To report your child's absence.

WAC@gamlingayvp.org

Roosters Wrap Around Care



A typical school day:

8.45 – School starts

9.00 – Short whole class session followed by busy learning and small groups as appropriate

11.30 – Short whole class session

12.00 – 13.00 – Lunch

13.00 – Short whole class session followed by busy learning and small groups as appropriate

14.45 – Tidy up, reflect, and recap days learning.

At the beginning of the school day children should wait on the Key Stage 1 playground with their parents/carers and should not be left unattended. Reception staff will open the gate into the outside area when the bell rings, and you are asked to bring your child to the classroom door. From approximately 9.00am until 3.05pm the school gates are locked and access to the school is only possible through the main entrance on Station Road. When coming to collect your child at the end of the day, please wait on the Key Stage 1 playground until the bell rings and staff open the gate. You will need to be visible to EYFS staff before we allow the children to leave.



General Information:



School lunches

You will need to pre-order your child's lunch via a ParentPay account. You will receive an email regarding this during the first week in September. School lunches must be booked by 8am on that day.

Forest School

Children will participate in Forest School once a week. Children are encouraged to develop their skills of persistence, perseverance, risk taking, concentration, teamwork, resilience and self-confidence.

Parent Helpers

We are always delighted to have parent helpers come into school to hear individual readers or help in the classroom on a regular basis. If this is something you would be interested in doing, once your child has settled into school life, you will need to complete a DBS check.



What your child needs

- School uniform
- Book bag (not a rucksack)
- Water bottle
- Coat (with a hood)
- Pair of wellies
- Sun hat or hat, scarf and gloves
- Packed lunch (if not having free school dinners)
- On Forest school day they will need to come to school in clothes they can get messy in
- On PE day they will need to come in their PE kits

Medical and absences:

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office on 01767520208 or absence@gamlingayvp.org
Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by 48 hours absence after the last episode.

Staff members are first aid trained and are able to deal with many accidents or injuries. You will receive an email from Medical Tracker detailing the incident and any treatment received. Staff will let you know at the end of the day or by phone of any significant injury. Staff can administer prescribed medicine, although we would ask you to consider if adequate doses could be fitted in before or after the school day.

We strongly discourage children from being taken out of school for the holidays or long weekends. If you do wish to take your child out of school during term time you must apply to the Headteacher to authorise the absence. Local Education Authority (LEA) guidelines suggest absences should be unauthorised unless they are exceptional circumstances. All absences are reported to the LEA on a termly basis. Unfortunately, head lice are common. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as recommended.



Parent Partnership:

We believe that close co-operation between home and school is key to a child's success. We seek to involve parents and carers in their child's learning at every opportunity. Our class 'ParentHub' pages will keep you up to date with everything going on in the classroom. You will also have access to Tapestry, which will show you some of the work your child has completed in school. Parents are invited into school regularly and we strongly believe in an 'open door' policy.



Areas of Learning:

There are seven areas of learning and development.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will develop their skills of sharing, taking turns, co-operating, helping and listening to others. We will also be focussing on understanding and following the rules and routines of the class and school setting.

Communication and Language

There will be a high emphasis on speaking and listening throughout all activities and the children will be given plenty of time to talk about themselves and interact in different activities with their new friends.

Physical Development

Children will have a PE session once a week, as well as having opportunities to be physically active in the outside area daily.



Literacy

The children will have a daily phonics session linking sounds to letters and start to apply this to spelling and reading simple words. There will be a range of independent and guided activities which will enable children to progress in their learning.

Mathematics

The children will develop a secure understanding of numbers to 10, and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, sharing and doubling. They will talk about shapes and learn the language that we can use to describe them.

Understanding the World

This provides the foundation for historical, geographical, scientific learning. It focuses on children's developing knowledge and understanding of their environment, other people and features of the natural environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

This area of learning promotes children's understanding of the world around them and develops their imagination.

