

Finlay Community School CHF Community Federation

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Good Afternoon All,

Hope you're all well and enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays. Recently a few parents have raised some questions regarding the return to school. Please see the questions and answers below – I hope this helps.

Are we providing school dinners?

Yes, you will be pleased to know we have worked with the catering company to ensure that children can have a school dinner every day. The menu will be uploaded to our school website and sent out via email. All school dinners will need to be paid for via parent pay. Due to limited numbers in the hall, our dinner service will start earlier and finish later. Therefore, it would be a good idea to send children in with a little bit extra for snack as they may be eating slightly later than usual.

I want to contact my child's class teacher; how can I do this?

For all general enquiries please email admin@finlay.gloucs.sch.uk

Please see the list below:

Class Teacher	Class	Email Address
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James West	Year 4	James.west@finlay.gloucs.sch.uk
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Can my child wear a mask to school?

The Government guidance for primary school settings continues to state that face masks aare **not** necessary in a primary school setting and therefore should not be worn within daily practice. Evidence indicates that it puts children at higher risk of spreading germs, if they wear face masks, this is because children would find it difficult to wear face coverings comfortably and this results in them touching their face more often. However, at Finlay we want to work with you as parents to keep your children safe, if you would like your child to wear a mask, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Heather Willis who will discuss this with you.

What can my child bring to school?

We are encouraging children to bring as little as possible in to school. Please avoid sending your child to school with a coat when the forecast is good. Children who are having sandwiches, can bring a lunchbox, it will be wiped down by a member of staff when it is brought into school. PE kit should be worn to school on PE days. You will be informed which day your child has PE in your welcome meetings. More information will be sent out regarding welcome meetings next week. ©

What about pick up and drop off?

To manage the amount of people on school site during busy times, we are implementing staggered pick up and drop offs. This will be organised alphabetically, by family surname.

Family Surname	Drop off time	Pick up time
A – G	8:45 – 8:55.	2:45 – 2:55
H – N	8:55 – 9:05	2:55 – 3:05
O – Z	9:05 – 9:15	3:05 – 3:15

Please stick to these times as closely as possible, as these groups have been created to keep our community safe. If you have more than one child, with different surnames, please select one-time slot and use that time for the foreseeable future. Where possible please ensure there is only 1 adult per family collecting and picking up the children.

What about breakfast club?

If your child has a space in breakfast club you will have been contacted over the last few weeks and been asked to complete a registration form. All other children who require a space have been added to the waiting list. Breakfast club is running from 7:45 – 8:45, Monday – Friday, starting on Thursday 3rd September. Please access through the main office where Debbie Johnson will sign your child in. All payments for breakfast club will need to be made via parent pay. We are unable to accept cash.

Are you providing snack?

Can you please ensure you provide your child with a healthy snack for break time. We are unsure yet if we will be having deliveries of fruit. We will update you as soon as possible. Children will also need their own water bottle.

Are you running after school clubs?

Yes we are, however spaces will be limited and will be run by external companies. At the moment we have arranged for Little Monsters Rugby to return, and we are waiting for confirmation from the karate club. There is a cost for these clubs, we will send out details as soon as we have them finalised. At the moment school staff will not be running after school clubs.

Thank you for your questions, communication is key and there is no such thing as a silly question. So in the next few weeks, if anything does come up which you're unsure of. Please speak to a member of staff and they will pass it on.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Hannah Williams Acting Head Teacher

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