



# George Dixon Primary School

## PARENT HANDBOOK

### TIMINGS OF THE DAY

EACH FAMILY HAS BEEN GIVEN SPECIFIC DROP OFF AND  
COLLECTION TIMES IN THEIR OWN BOOKLET

We look forward to welcoming your child back into school – this is important information about coming back to school safely, please read it carefully. The best bits about our school are still the same, but because of Coronavirus we have had to adapt how we do things.

## THE 7 C'S

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Our values underpin everything we do at George Dixon Primary School. They determine how we approach our learning and interact with others. We believe that the 7C's make our school a better place to be, alongside the British Values of democracy, individual liberty, tolerance, mutual respect and the rule of law.

CONSIDERATION CARE COURTESY COURAGE

COMMITMENT CO-OPERATION COMMUNICATION

## OUR SCHOOL RULES

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We **care** for ourselves, each other, and our things.

We do our best because we are **committed** to our learning.

We listen to the adults and **cooperate** with each other.

We are **courteous**; we smile and use our manners.

We think about the needs of others and act in a **considerate** way.

We show **courage** by aiming high and taking risks in our learning.

We **communicate** with each other and know it is important to talk about our thoughts and feelings.

## SAFE REOPENING

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So that we can keep all pupils and staff safe we have taken put the following essential measures in place,

- a requirement that people who are ill with symptoms of COVID-19 stay at home and inform the school if this is the case (**all** absences must be reported to the school before 10am please)
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

The Department for Education has said that the use of PPE is not necessary on a routine, day-to-day basis in schools. However, staff have been trained to use PPE if they need to provide care for a child who does develop symptoms.

## THE SCHOOL DAY

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We aim to teach our full curriculum and delivering a broad and balanced education remains our top priority. To enable us to do this, each year group will become a 'bubble' which means they can mix with the other children in their bubble, but not with children in other bubbles. Each bubble will have their own break times, play spaces for lunchtimes and areas of the canteen.

Children will wash their hands frequently, and we will operate a rigorous 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene. We have stocked up on soap, hand-sanitiser, tissues and lidded bins. Rooms and equipment will be cleaned regularly.

Classes will initially be set up in forward-facing rows to enhance the safety of pupils and staff, this will be reviewed regularly in accordance with DfE guidance.

We warmly welcome communication with parents and families; however, we cannot do this at the classroom door due to physical distancing requirements and the challenges of staggered start and end times. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please wait to speak to them until all other parents have gone at the end of the day remaining 2m apart at all times, or arrange a phone call or email with them using the year group email.

## U N I F O R M

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We will be expecting all children to be in their normal school uniform from September onwards. Jumpers with the school logo embroidered on the front are available from the school office, and full details are available on the 'Parents' section of the school website.



When it is your child's day for PE do not bring PE kit in a bag, children should come to school in their PE kit in the morning. PE t-shirts with the school logo on are available from the school office at a cost of £5.15



**PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME**

## P E D A Y S

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Please see the table below for the day your child has PE and should come dressed in their PE kit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2 Year 6	Year 4

## LUNCHES & SNACKS

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You can pay for a school dinner for your child using SQuid (details available from the front office). Parents are of course welcome to send children in with a packed lunch of their own if they prefer but these packed lunches must be brought in at the start of the day by the children and must be a healthy lunch with a 'main' lunch (sandwich, noodles or rice type of dish) with fruit, vegetables and yogurt too if you wish. Chocolate and crisps should only be sent in on a Friday.

Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a universal free school meal your child may be eligible for free school meals too. So whatever year your child is in fill in the pupil premium eligibility checker online, from the office. (The school receives additional funding to support your child if they are eligible for pupil premium funding and they will receive a free school meal or voucher if the school closes due to Coronavirus.)

Healthy snacks (fruit, vegetable or granola bars) may be brought in to have at break times.

## DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

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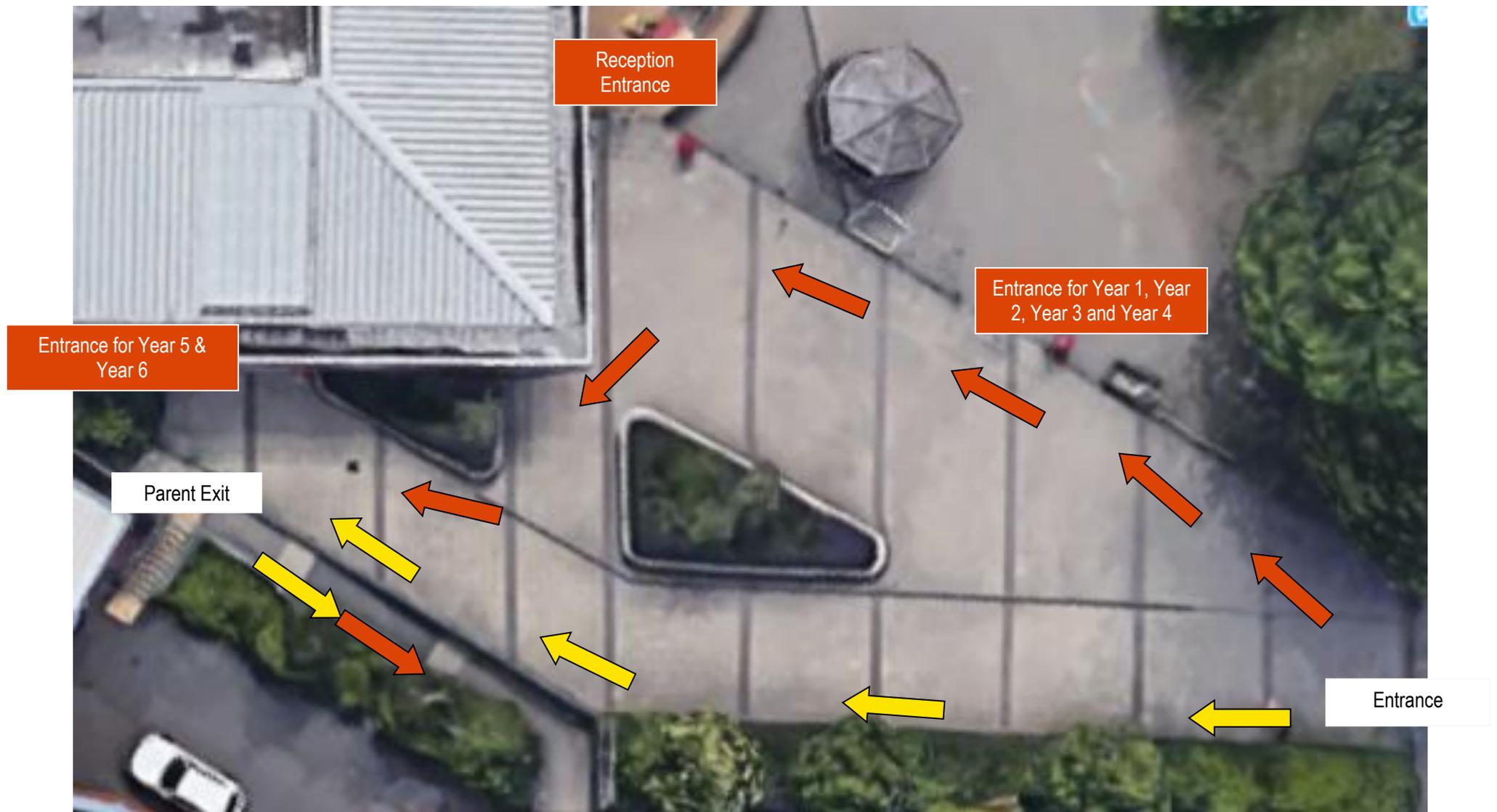
To keep everybody as safe as possible we have staggered drop off and pick up times. **We ask that only one adult per household attends the school to drop off or pick up children and please maintain your distance from other families while you are on site.**

During morning drop off, parents and children will enter through the front gate; children will then enter independently through the Reception, KS1 or KS2 gate; parents will leave through the carpark gate - see the pictures below for more details.

In the afternoons, parents will be asked to follow the one-way system around the school building and pickup their child(ren) from classrooms as they go, again see pictures below.

**If you are late to collect your child at the end of the day (please see allocated times on the front cover) we cannot have children crossing bubbles, so they will enter after-school care and you may be charged.**

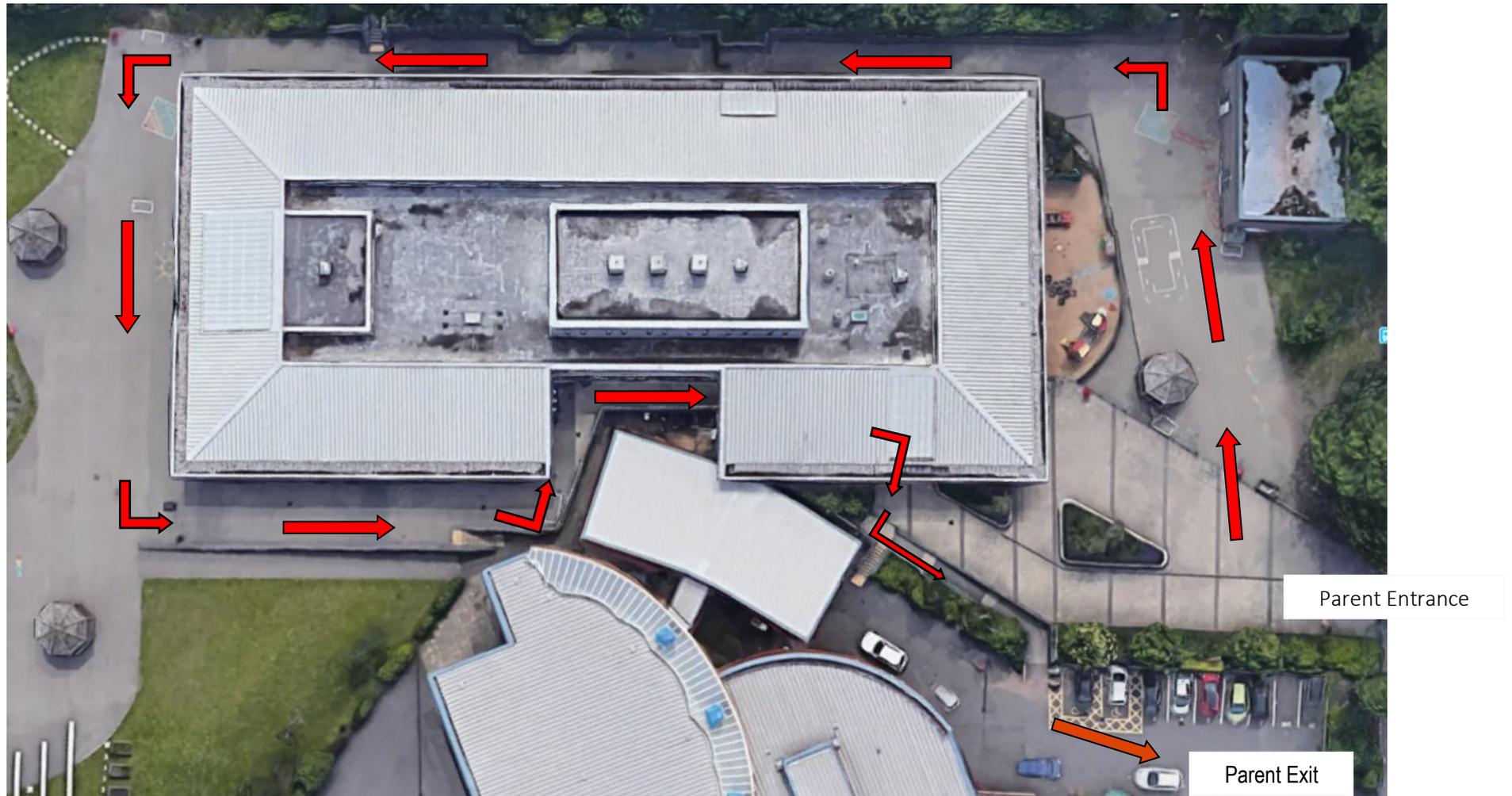
# ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR DROP OFF



If you are early, there will be marked stars to show physical distancing measures in the front courtyard – please keep 2m apart.

# ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR PICK UP

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Children can no longer be collected late from the main office due to physical distancing. Please adhere to your allocated time on the front cover to help keep us all as safe as possible.

## S I G N S , S Y M P T O M S A N D S U S P E C T E D C A S E S

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From September school attendance will be compulsory, however: if you, your child(ren) or anyone in your household shows any of the symptoms of COVID-19 do not send your child to school – the whole family should self-isolate for 14 days and seek a test to confirm whether it is COVID-19 or not.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If a child displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, we will contact parents to come and collect them immediately to go and get a COVID-19 test. If a child returns a positive test their in-school bubble will self-isolate for 14 days and their area of the school will be deep cleaned. **If a symptomatic child's test is negative, they will remain at home until they are well again from whatever illness they did have.**

## B E F O R E & A F T E R S C H O O L C L U B

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From September we will not be able to operate wrap-around care as the school has been organised into year group 'bubbles' and these should not be mixed to avoid the risk of spreading a potential infection.

There will be a breakfast club available from 8:30 in the canteen where children will sit in their bubbles, we will ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week per child.

For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 there will be limited after-school care from 3:30 till 4:30 for the children of key workers, and this will need to be booked via SQuid – see the office for pricing.

## S W I M M I N G

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There will be no swimming lessons in the autumn term and/or until we are advised by the Department for Education that it is safe for them to resume.