

Subject: Social distancing at GBPA

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Great Barford C of E Primary Academy

Dear All,

I just wanted to give you a quick update as to how we are progressing with the care we are providing at GBPA.

We are averaging 6 children on site each day at the moment.

We have a very reduced staff on site. We have split the staff into teams and since the Prime Ministers recommendations on Monday evening we have reduced staffing further. With the current numbers of children attending, we have two adults working with the children and one member of staff based in the office. If and when the numbers rise we will increase the adult ratio.

I must stress that we are providing care not an educational setting.

When you drop off and pick up your children we ask that you stand 2 meters from the door.

On entering the school the children will wash their hands immediately. They will wash their hands regularly throughout the day in accordance with Public Health England recommendations.

Surfaces and equipment are wiped regularly throughout the day with disinfectant and the cleaning staff clean the areas used thoroughly every evening.

We have been taking advantage of the good weather and spending as much time as possible outside.

Social distancing on site is challenging. We encourage children to keep as much space between themselves and their friends and adults as possible and staff, where safe to do so, also keep to the distancing recommendations between themselves and the children.

Although we offer the children the opportunity for home learning while they are with us, this is very tricky to manage. When the children need support the staff are unable to get as close to the children as you would be able to at home. This means we are unable to offer the support that they may need to complete the work. We will continue to offer the access for the children but they may need to complete activities at home with you if they or you wish to do so.

We would appreciate it if you could remind your children before joining us in school for a care session about the importance of keeping space between themselves and others.

If your child or a member of your household begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 please inform us via the admin@gbpa.org.uk email immediately. Your child will not be able to attend our setting for 14 days.

The staff and children have enjoyed the care sessions this week. It is a very different way of working but we continue to maintain the very high standards of care that you and your children have been accustomed to at our school.

Take care and I will be in touch again soon.
Kind regards,

Sarah Evans
Headteacher