

Induction Day - Wednesday 30th June 2021



Travelling to school:

- Students should try to come to school in the same way they intend to in September.
- If you reside in catchment and intend to use the school bus service provided by County, transport will be available to use on that day. **You must wear a mask to travel on a bus.** Should you have queries about pick up locations please contact Dorset/Wiltshire County Council (we would encourage you to wait with your child to ensure your child gets safely on the bus).
- If you reside outside our catchment area, you are responsible for arranging your own transport to school.
- Parents who will be bringing their children to school by car are asked to drop their child in Gillingham Town and they should then walk to school entering by one of the main gates. For health and safety reasons, we would kindly request that parents do not drive onto the school site.

Any queries/problems regarding transport should be directed to Mrs Francis (07866 507152) or email lfrancis@gillingham-dorset.co.uk.

Timings of the school day: Please arrive by 0850 and go to the Astro turf, there will be staff and sixth formers around to help direct you.

Start of School (registration)	8.50
Break	11.10 - 11.30
Lunch	13.30 – 14.20
End of School	15.20

What to wear: Wear your normal Primary School uniform. **Food and drink:** You will either need to bring a packed lunch OR you can use the canteen (please make sure you have coins rather than large notes, £2-£3 should be enough for a hot meal!) At times, the canteen can get quite busy; to avoid queuing you can bring your own packed lunch. If you have free school dinners, the canteen will have your name on the list and you just need to tell them your name at the till.

What to bring:

- Your completed Gillingham School Admission Form 2021-2022.
- Should you wish to purchase the following please bring - £4 tie, Blazer Badges £4, all can be purchased from the library (most blazers already come with an embroidered badge).
- A pair of trainers (not full kit!) to change into for a relaxed PE lesson.
- If possible, a copy of your best piece of English writing.
- Pencil Case.
- A bottle of water, a snack for break and lunch.
- Earphones if you have them for use in the IT rooms (do not worry if you don't, we can provide some on the day)

If your child is suffering from COVID symptoms, please ensure they do not attend induction day. Current guidance is that students do not need to wear a mask in school but can do so should they wish to. However, if your child is travelling by bus they **MUST** wear a mask for the duration of the journey. If students do bring a mobile phone it should always stay out of sight. No one should be using a phone on school site before 15.20. **At the end of the day** you will be dismissed and those who came by bus will be shown where to go. **Do take care** when you leave the school site as there are lots of cars and other students. **Finally, have an enjoyable day, make some new friends, and always ask if you want to know something!**

Yours sincerely,

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