

9th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

FS1 – Year 1 Educational model adaptation

As we complete our second week of reopening, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for helping us reopen GFM. It has been a tremendous job to undertake everything that has been required to reopen our school and your assistance in preparing the children and having them ready to learn has been greatly appreciated.

The first two weeks have been used to get students settled, learn and understand the new processes and to review our plans as to make any necessary adaptations.

We have also had an opportunity to observe and assess our children's learning needs and gather feedback from our parents (via the survey we sent last week) on the current learning model in place: AM and PM shifts.

As you can appreciate, we are learning all the time. Following our own review and the feedback received, we feel children, parents and teachers will benefit by adapting the education model in FS1-Year 1 from next week, as detailed below:

- Rotational model - 'day-on' and 'day off' - using our school House system (as to ensure siblings can come to school together). AM = Blue & Yellow house, PM = Green & Red house
- Extending the time children are in school from 07.30am – 2pm, as to allow for meaningful curriculum and contact time.

	Sunday 13 th Sep	Monday 14 th Sep	Tuesday 15 th Sep	Wednesday 16 th Sep	Thursday 17 th Sep
FS1 – Year 9 Ambitious Archers House	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning
FS1 – Year 9 Courageous Knights House	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning
FS1 – Year 9 Resilient Riders House	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓
FS1 – Year 9 Respectful Royals House	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓
Year 10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sunday 20 th Sep	Monday 21 st Sep	Tuesday 22 nd Sep	Wednesday 23 rd Sep	Thursday 24 th Sep
FS1 – Year 9 Ambitious Archers House	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓
FS1 – Year 9 Courageous Knights House	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓
FS1 – Year 9 Resilient Riders House	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning
FS1 – Year 9 Respectful Royals House	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning	✓	Distance Learning
Week 1 repeats again – FS1 – Year 09 receive 5 lessons of face to face and 5 lessons of distance learning over a 10 day cycle					

I am deeply grateful for your continued support and want to remind you that we are here to support you as well.

If any parents want to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues detail in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at a.tarik_gfm@gemsedu.com

My thanks again to everyone for a wonderful start to term. Above all, my thanks are to all the children and their smiles and their commitment which make it such a joy to be part of our school!

Yours sincerely



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