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Welcome to Meet the Year Leader



Mr. Gavin Mullen
Head of Year 5



Mr. Tim Friend
Assistant Head of Primary



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Welcome back to GCS !

It's going to be a GREAT year ahead and we cannot wait to have our students back in school.

OUR PURPOSE

OUR MISSION

OUR KEY PRIORITIES

VALUES

TEACHING AND LEARNING

READING

THROUGH VALUES WE SUCCEED

GROWING COMBINED SUCCESS

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Drop-off Procedure

If your child takes the bus:

- In the morning, the bus will collect your child at the allocated time as indicated by STS.
- You must take your child to the meeting point and wait with them until they are on the bus.
- Please contact the bus nanny if your child is unwell to attend school due to illness.

If you drop your child at school:

- Entrance to the school begins at 7:30am.
- You must say goodbye to them outside the appropriate entrance, where they will enter the school.
- Please allow extra time at the start of the school year to accommodate road works and increased traffic. Your children don't like to be late for school.



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Collection Procedure

If your child takes the bus:

- Your child will be taken to the bus by an adult.
- You must be at the collection point to meet your child at the allocated time.

If you pick your child up from school:

- The collection point for Years 3-6 will be from the Multi Purpose Hall. Signage will direct you to the allocated door for your child's class. Please do follow the one-way system.
- Please ensure the adult collecting your child has the 'safe word' (you will receive this in an email from your class teacher on Thursday 25th August). This will be requested upon collection until you become known to your child's class teacher.





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Attendance and Punctuality procedure—Morning

All students must be in their classroom for the National Anthem at 7:45am



If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late on the school register.

Students that are late to school miss out on valuable learning and class activities.

You will receive an email notifying you that your child has been registered as late.



If your child is late three times in a term.

You will be contacted by:
The Assistant Headteacher Primary/Secondary.
The consequences will be discussed with you.



If your child is late again.

You will be contacted by:
The Head of School Primary/Secondary.
The next step will be discussed with you.

If your child is late again.

You will be contacted by the Vice Principal.
The final warning will be issued.

If your child is late for a final time.

You will be contacted by the Principal.
The final step of the school policy will be executed.

Lateness
procedures
for morning
and afternoon
drop offs and
collection



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Attendance and Punctuality procedure—Afternoon

All students must be collected at 2:40pm.
Students get very upset if their parent is not on time.
Thank you for being on time!



If you do not collect your child on time, they will be moved to the late room.

Your child will be registered as being collected late and you will have to sign the relevant documentation when you collect them.

If your child is collected late on three occasions in a term.

You will be contacted by:
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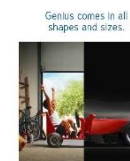
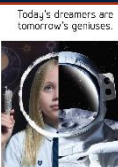
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Thank you for being on time



- **After the National Anthem the doors close at 7.50am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.** In the unlikely case that you are late please head to main reception. Your child will be scanned in by a member of our admin team. Children don't like being late and we appreciate your support to ensure they are on time.
- Once school and learning has started, **parents are not able** to enter the corridors or classes.
- As per our GCS Behaviour Policy, punctuality is very important therefore if your child is late on 3 occasions throughout the term a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in contact with you.

We appreciate your cooperation and support .





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Sample Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday PE kit to be worn	Thursday
7:30 – 7:50	REGISTRATION			
7:50 – 8:30	Maths	Social studies	Arabic A&B	Arabic A&B
8:30 – 9:10	Music	Arabic A&B	Moral Education	Maths
9:10 – 9:50	Break			
9:50 – 10:30	Arabic A&B	Maths	Maths	French
10:30 – 11:10	Islamic A&B / PSHE	English	Islamic A&B / PSHE	Arabic A&B
11:10 – 11:50	Reading	Reading	Science	Reading
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch			
12:30 – 13:10	English	English	Topic	English
13:10 – 13:50	Mental Maths	ECA	PE	Science
13:50 – 14:30	Wellbeing		English (Reading)	Library
14:40 Main gates will open for parents to collect				



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Curriculum Overview

- We have worked exceptionally hard to develop the curriculum for the new academic year, ensuring that it meets the needs of all our students and gives them the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Within primary, we will have an overarching theme in every year group. This means that our learning in most subjects will link back to these themes.
- We will be following a brand new scheme of work called Cambridge University Press. This will be for English and Science. Supplementary textbooks will be provided for these subjects.
- We will continue to use Power Maths and a textbook will be provided again.
- All student work will be recorded in subject books which will be marked by the Class Teacher or Specialist.
- Textbooks will be sent home each Thursday as part of our home learning programme. Further information will be sent by your class teacher.
- Thank you for ensuring your child always brings their textbooks back to school.



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English

Unit 1 – Fiction: There is a lesson in that
Children will write a character description.
Unit 2 – Information Texts: Exploring Space
Children will write a recount of a story.
Unit 3 – Poetry: Reflection
Children will explore different types of poems.

Reading

The Art of the Grasshopper.
Cosmic
The adventure of Larry and dribble.
Isaac Newton
The intergalactic rock.
Is there life on other planets?
What is climate change?
Life on the alps.

Special Events & Trips

National Day
Flag Day

Maths

- Unit 1: Place Value within 100,000
- Unit 2: Place Value within 1,000,000
- Unit 3: Addition and Subtraction
- Unit 4: Graphs and Tables
- Unit 5: Multiplication and Division (1)
- Unit 6: Measure: Area and Perimeter

History

- Will be covered in Term 2.

Geography

- Maps of the Earth:
- Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere.
 - Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle.
 - The Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).

Year 5 2022-2023 Term 1

PE

Relay
100 to 200 metres run
Long Jump

Science

- The digestive system:
- Learn about the parts of the human digestive system and their functions.
 - Investigate digestion in the mouth.
 - Learn that the digestive systems of other animals are similar to ours.
- Forces and magnets
- Identify up thrust, friction, air resistance and water resistance.
 - See that an object may have multiple forces acting upon it.
 - Make a parachute and suggest how to improve it.

PSHE

- Global citizenship
- Understanding rights/Human rights
- Peace and conflict

Computing & French

- Scratch programming – stop motion animation and green screen.
- Pets, colours, greetings, songs and rhymes.

Art/Design Technology/Music

Space:
To improve art and design skills by creating a solar system.



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Positive reward scheme

- ☐ Giving praise and positive feedback
- ☐ Dojo points
- ☐ GEMS Awards such as GEM of the day, GEM of the week, GEM of the term
- ☐ Subject, effort and improvement awards at celebration events
- ☐ Celebration assemblies-Termly
- ☐ Extension of school privileges, including trips and award days
- ☐ Newsletters



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GCS School Uniform FS1 - Y6

CORE UNIFORM		FS1-Y1	BOYS - CORE UNIFORM		Y2-Y6	GIRLS - CORE UNIFORM		Y2-Y6	PE & WINTERWEAR		UNISEX
BOYS			SHORT/LONG SLEEVES SHIRTS			SHORT/LONG SLEEVES BLOUSE			POLO SHIRTS KG1 TO G8		
CREAM POLO DRI FIT MATERIAL											
GIRLS											
CREAM POLO DRI FIT MATERIAL											
									HOUSE COLOURS		
SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO 12 inches bag									RED RESPECT		
									GREEN KINDNESS		
									BLUE INTEGRITY		
									YELLOW HONESTY		
									WHITE SOCKS		
									PULLOVER		
									JACKET		
									LEGIONNAIRE CAP KG1 to G2		
									G3 to G8		
									BLACK & WHITE SHOES		



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School Bags: FS1-Year 12

- Due to health and safety, no trolley bags are allowed within the school. Students must carry their bags on their shoulders.

Recommended bags:



SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO
12 Inches bag



SCHOOL BAGS WITH LOGO



16 Inches



18 Inches



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Bring Your Own Device



- Your child must have a device with them every day.
- The device must come to school fully charged, we don't have charging stations.
- The device should be in a protective case.
- The passcode/password should be disabled.
- The device should be clearly labelled with your child's class and name.
- For Years 3&4 we recommend either an iPad or a tablet as these are much easier for the children to use. For Years 5&6 either a laptop or iPad can be used.
- Thank you for reminding your child that it is their own responsibility to look after their device





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Things to Remember!



- Your child needs a **labelled water bottle** each day. There are water fountains to refill the water.
- **2 Face Masks and hand sanitiser**
- **PE Kit must only be worn on the day they have PE** – your teacher will notify you beforehand which day of the week your PE lesson will be. All students wear their PE kit according to their House colour – parents will receive their child's House allocation (and colour) once they have completed the admission formalities.





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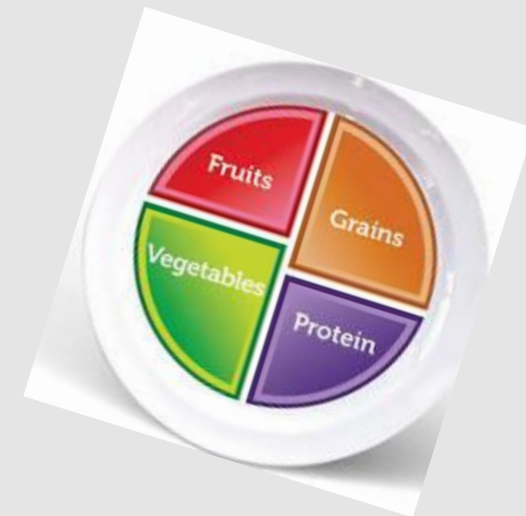
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Snack & Lunch

- We are a healthy school and encourage healthy food to be consumed.
- Students should bring 1 small healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit, some vegetables or a yoghurt.
- In their lunchbox they should have a variety of healthy foods from the different food groups e.g. a sandwich/chapati/wrap/rice, yoghurt/leban, dried fruits, cheese sticks or fresh fruit and veg.
- Please note no chocolate, nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks please.
- Children will not be allowed to share food.
- From Years 4-6, Slices will be providing food this academic year. Further information to follow.



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Supporting your child at home

- Please read with your child every day in both your home language and English!
- Revisit learning from the week as guided by your child's class teacher.
- Real life experiences – take children shopping and get them to pay using money, bake a cake allowing your child to measure the ingredients etc.
- Play board games, don't forget to teach your child about how to lose. They can't always be the winner at school!
- Teach them to be independent, by getting them to help out with household chores and being responsible for their belongings.



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How GCS supports our parents

- Every Thursday afternoon, parents will receive a weekly email with information on what curriculum content has been covered and what your child will cover the following week.
- We would expect a minimum expectation of 20 minutes of reading per day.
- Homework will be assigned every Thursday and will be submitted to the class teacher every Tuesday. This will be acknowledged and returned to your child before they leave school on a Thursday.
- Every Tuesday afternoon there will be an opportunity for parents to meet virtually with their Class Teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you may have. A Zoom link will be sent out to you each week.
- Our priority is the teaching and learning of your child however we will respond to your email within 24 hours. **If your communication is urgent, please contact our reception team by telephone and they will be able to pass on the message.**



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Text Books

- Your child will receive a textbook in the following subjects:
 - Maths
 - English
 - Science
 - MoE
- Text books will need to be brought to school every Monday so that your child can access the learning materials. They will be returned home every Thursday. If these are not returned this will impact on your child's learning.
- If your child does not have their books on 3 occasions then your child's book must remain in school and not return home.
- If your child has lost their books then there will be an expectation that you pay for new books.



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Extra Curricular Activities (ECA)

As a school we offer a range of extra-curricular activities ranging from sport, art, music, innovation, etc. Primary ECAs take place during school hours.

This academic year, we will also offer opt-in after school ECAs. We believe that these activities enhance a child's learning and makes them a well-rounded individual.





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Thank you to all parents that have ensured that their Term 1 school fees and book fees have been paid as this allows us to share vital information about your child's class and their teacher.

We can't wait to welcome your child back to school!





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