

21 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to see so many of you at our “Introduction to Summer School” zoom call on Monday and hope that you find the following information useful.

We have already written to you on with some details of what to expect from your week at Goldington. I have attached that letter again for you to read carefully.

Your main contact with regard to Summer School is Eleanor Fox of Tutor Doctor and all email communication should now be directed to her. Eleanor can be reached at [efox@tutordocor.co.uk](mailto:efox@tutordocor.co.uk).

In addition, the senior member of Goldington staff and their contact details for each appropriate week can be found below:

Mr Latchman	Week 1: 2 August – 6 August	<a href="mailto:latchmanm@goldington.beds.sch.uk">latchmanm@goldington.beds.sch.uk</a>
Mr Roopnarain	Week 2: 9 August – 13 August	<a href="mailto:roopnarains@goldington.beds.sch.uk">roopnarains@goldington.beds.sch.uk</a>
Mr Atkinson	Week 3: 16 August – 20 August	<a href="mailto:atkinsonw@goldington.beds.sch.uk">atkinsonw@goldington.beds.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Chapman	Week 4: 23 August – 27 August	<a href="mailto:chapmanl@goldington.beds.sch.uk">chapmanl@goldington.beds.sch.uk</a>

Please be aware that the hours of the Summer School will be from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday.

The school telephone number which will be answered during school hours in Summer School weeks is 01234 261516.

### General

Where possible, break times (and some lessons) will be outdoors where practical. Please ensure your child has suncream/hat/water bottle, a hat and a water bottle.

We understand that you may wish your child to bring their phone onto site with them. This is permitted, however phones will need to be switched off and handed in at the start of the day to their tutor. We ask that students avoid bringing items of value onto site, however if there is a reason for them doing so, they will need to be responsible for their own property.



Students should wear comfortable clothing as there will be some sports and outdoor activities and they will need to be able to take part in these activities in what they are wearing.

Your child is encouraged to bring your pencil case with them, as a minimum they will need to bring a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Current years 7,8 & 9 may need to bring a calculator but they will be informed the day before if these are needed.

### **Food and Drink**

As previously stated, please ensure your child has a bottle of water with them.

There will be no canteen during summer school, so your child will need to bring in a packed lunch and any snacks/drinks that they require.

Please avoid using any nut products in packed lunches and snacks as there are some children with nut allergies attending summer school.

### **Arrival & Departure from site**

If you are dropping off your child, parents are asked to only accompany them to the Haylands Way entrance, at which point members of staff will be there to welcome students and show them where to go. The site will be open from 8.45 am ready for a 9.00 am registration.

At the end of the day (3.00 pm) students will leave the site through the school gates, Group leaders and senior team members will monitor the students leaving the site. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with your child for meeting, picking up or making their way home independently. Once again we ask that you do not enter the school site at the end of the day. There will be a member of staff at the gates if you need to speak to someone.

On the first day of Summer School, students will come together for an assembly to introduce them to the school and the team. They will also take part in a fire and intruder drill.

Once your child is onsite they will not be allowed to leave the school without your permission, for example in the event of a known appointment or for a medical reason.

During the Summer School some areas of the school that are out of bounds, these areas will be clearly indicated and students will be informed.

## **Medical needs**

Parents are expected to keep the school informed about medical needs and any changes in their child's condition or in the treatment their child is receiving, including any changes in medication.

If your child has an illness that requires them to carry medication, please ensure that they bring it with them each day and that they are aware they need to keep it in their bag with them at all times whilst on the school premises. The group leader for your child's class will check at the start of the day that they are carrying their medication.

Medication that is normally kept on the school site during term time will not be accessible to the summer school, this is why we are asking you to bring medication with you.

There will be first aid available on site during the summer school and if your child is unwell and unable to continue the day, you will be contacted.

Pupils who are on the school register for prescription and use of an EpiPen must hand their EpiPen to their tutor on arrival at school on Monday. We will then keep it safe onsite that week. In the event of an emergency warranting the use of an EpiPen, the dosage can then be administered by the trained first aider.

If your child uses an asthma inhaler, please ensure that this is sent in with your child in their bag, and your child is able to self-administer. Should there be a need for support with administration of the inhaler, then please contact Eleanor Fox to agree the level of support that is needed.

## **Covid-19**

Covid procedures will still be in place during Summer School, sanitising of hands will be encouraged as students enter and exit classrooms, all rooms will be well ventilated and daily cleaning of classrooms will take place. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school, and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Students and staff will not be required to wear masks during Summer School unless they wish to do so.

I was asked in the meeting about Covid Testing. Having consulted with the schools Covid-19 operational guidance document (updated 19 July 2021) it states the following:

*“There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the*

*summer period. They will be offered the 2 tests at an ATS at the beginning of the autumn term when they start at their secondary school as a new year 7”.*

This applies to any student attending weeks 1 or 2 of Summer School.

*“Over the summer, staff and secondary pupils should continue to test regularly if they are attending setting that remain open, such as summer schools and out of school activities based in school settings. Schools will only provide tests for twice weekly asymptomatic testing for pupils and staff over the summer period if they are attending school settings. However, testing will still be widely available over the summer and kits can be collected either from your local pharmacy or ordered online”.*

We have already distributed all pupils attending weeks 3 or 4 of Summer School with lateral flow tests.

Some specific questions came up in the meeting and I can confirm the following:

- Our bike sheds will be open if your child would like to bike to school
- We will be able to store scooters, but sadly not electric scooters
- There is no Bank Holiday on Monday 23 August and this is the day when school will begin under Mrs Chapman

Can I take this opportunity to wish your child a happy and successful Summer School.

Yours sincerely



**Francis Galbraith**  
**Principal**

9 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very excited that your child will be joining us for summer school. I wanted to write with some more information with regard to your week and introduce our summer school partners "Tutor Doctor Bedford" and "Good Wolf People".

Tutor Doctor Bedford and Good Wolf People are collaborating to provide Goldington Academy pupils with a summer school to remember. With a focus on easing the transition from primary to secondary, the summer school will help participants become familiar with their new school surroundings and start breaking the ice with new classmates.

### What should I expect?

A mixture of enjoyable academic sessions and enrichment activities which will encourage working together and help develop creativity and curiosity whilst building individual confidence. There will be a focus on teamworking, sport, drama, art and wellbeing activities all delivered within a positive, friendly and cooperative environment.

### What should I bring?

Comfy clothes that you are happy and able to do sport and drama in. A packed lunch, plus a couple of snacks and drinks for break time. A willingness to try new things and meet new people.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to your new school, to make new friends and have some fun during August.

For your information we have worked very closely with the Tutor Doctor Bedford before and are delighted to work with them again. In addition to their staff we will always have a senior member of our team available and a trained first aider on site.

I would like to invite you to a zoom meeting about your child's summer school that will take place at 6.00 pm on Monday 19 July. At the meeting both myself and a representative of the Tutor Doctor Bedford will outline in more detail how the programme will operate for your child. In addition, I will be writing back to you again

with other key information that you need to know before the end of term. We will send your log in details for the zoom meeting on the morning of 19 July.

It should be a super summer school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. Galbraith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

**Francis Galbraith**  
**Principal**