



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

We would like to thank all parents for a smooth drop-off on the first day of school! All children were in their respective classrooms for a prompt start. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Please note that Grade 1 students are ready to be picked up at 3:00, not 3:05, until further notice. Please collect your child promptly.

Meet the Teacher

As explained in the welcome email last week, Meet the Teacher Night will take place on 25 August (5:00pm-6:00pm) for PYP families and on 26 August (5:00pm-6:00pm) for MYP families. The events will take place at GIS. Unfortunately, we are unable to use the auditorium we used earlier due to the current infection control measures. Therefore, parents are asked to go directly to their child's classroom for

a prompt start at 5:00pm. The day before the meeting, parents will receive a link to a welcome message from Mr Armanski.

During the meeting, each class teacher will provide parents with information regarding the new academic year and parents will have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. We would be grateful if by the end of the evening, each class selected two class representatives, who will be the voice of the class in Parent Council meetings. Parents are asked to pass the two names on to the class teacher by the end of the meeting.

Swimming

We are excited to offer swimming classes again this academic year after a long break due to repair work at Fjellhallen. This year, we have been allocated a slot at Tranberghallen. As you understand, we have some catching up to do and our slot is only 90 minutes. In addition, it is now required that students in certain grade levels learn specific skills. As a result, only selected classes will be offered swimming this year. We will prioritize the classes that need to meet the national requirements. Detailed information will be provided in next week's newsletter. Classes are scheduled to start the following week.

Bus and taxi service

Attached to the newsletter is a request form for transport for your child to and back from school. Certain conditions apply, including the child's age and the distance to the school. If you qualify and want to apply for the service, please complete the form and return it to post@gjovikis.no. We will complete our section and pass the form on to the kommune you live in. If you have questions about the service or decisions made regarding your application, please contact the school office in your kommune or Innlandet fylkeskommune.

You can find more information on innlandstrafikk.no

Communication

In order to ensure effective communication between home and school, please contact your child's class teacher directly regarding any issues, e.g. early departure or sickness. All email addresses at GIS follow the same pattern (name.middlename.surname@gjovikis.no, e.g. adam.armanski@gjovikis.no). For last minute changes, please call us at 24076141.

School nurse

We will continue to work with Ingrid Julie Stadtler as our school nurse this academic year. You can find her contact details at the end of the newsletter. She will be available to students and parents every Monday and Wednesday. We are pleased to inform you that another nurse will start work at GIS in November. We will share more details with you when we receive them closer to the new nurse's start date.

Personal number – NEW PARENTS

Like other schools, GIS is required to report current enrollment levels to the Ministry of Education. Apart from each child's name, we are required to provide the child's full personal number/personnummer (11 digits/siffer). If your child is new to GIS this academic year, please ensure that you submit the number to your child's class/homeroom teacher this week. The parents who bring their children to school in the morning may want to do it in person (please speak to Mr Armanski at the main entrance); others may want to send the number with their child rather than by email.

Appropriate clothes

This is just to remind you that each child needs to have appropriate shoes for school, including science and PE. Please note that slippers, sandals and/or flip flops are inappropriate for school. Also, please ensure that your child has rain gear. Primary students (Grades 1-4) should also have a set of spare clothes in their cubby.

Late arrival

It is important that students arrive at school on time so that they can start classes promptly at 8:30am. At the beginning of the day, teachers introduce the day's programme and answer students' questions about what is going to happen. Students who are late miss the introduction and may disrupt the flow of the class.

Students who arrive at school after 8:30am need to register in the office before they go to the classroom. They receive a late slip, which they need to give to the teacher. If a student comes late to the classroom without a late slip, he/she will be asked to return to the office to collect a late slip.

Visual Image Consent Form – NEW PARENTS

We would like to thank the parents who have returned the form already. We would be very grateful if you could complete and return the attached Visual Image Consent Form to us as soon as possible. NOTE: Returning parents need to submit a new form ONLY if they want to withdraw/amend their consent.

School Departure Form – Grade 1-4

Thank you for submitting the form for your child (Grade 1-4 ONLY). If you have not done so already, please complete and hand the form in as soon as possible. It helps us ensure safety at GIS. We understand you may not be certain at this point what your routines will be for the rest of the year. However, amendments can be made at any time, so please submit a form that reflects your current routine and feel free to change it in the future.

Health

Your child's safety is our priority. Therefore, we need to be aware of any health issues that may affect him/her at school. Please inform your child's class teacher of any conditions and provide any advice you can to allow us to act quickly and effectively in an emergency.

School photos

School photos will be taken on **17th September 2021**, including class, individual and sibling photos. Following the session, parents will receive a link to their child's photos. Selection and payment are made online and photos are delivered within a few days. Like last year, we will use Norsk Skolefoto AS.

Leave of absence

According to Norwegian Law, students are allowed to miss up to 10 days of school in an academic year. Parents are required to apply for a leave of absence in

advance and it is the Head of School's prerogative to approve or reject each application. The head **must** reject all applications if the absence is longer than 10 days.

If a child misses more than 10 days, he/she loses his/her place. Parents may reapply. However, if there is a waiting list, the next child on the list is accepted. Should a child's education be compromised due to absenteeism, the school will contact the child protection agency.

Please ensure you submit an application (you can find it [here](#)) each time your child needs to miss school.

Milk and snack

Parents can order milk, yoghurt, carrots, etc. through <https://www.skolelyst.no/>
The selected products are delivered to GIS weekly and distributed during lunch break.

SFO

We are pleased to confirm you can still enroll your child in before- and after-school childcare (SFO). Please send a completed form to leif.olav.thoresen@gjovikis.no.

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

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SFO	Deepika Senthilkumar	sfo@gjovikis.no
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