

Dear parents

Important Please Read- key Information/Updates

It has been wonderful to see all the children back. I'm so impressed with how well the children have settled back into the routines of school and excited they are about learning! Please see below key information/updates. I have outlined an overview of how suspected and confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID 19) will be managed in our school, in line with the government guidance as well as reminders for the beginning and end of the day. It is imperative that we all follow this for everyone's safety.

Dealing with suspected and confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID 19)

When should my child attend/not attend school?

- If your child has a slight cold (sniffles), they may attend school.
- If your child is full of cold (streaming nose and sneezing), they should remain at home as it is likely that they will be feeling unwell and may easily pass on their germs to others in school.
- If your child is full of cold and develops a new, continuous cough, they should not come into school and they should be tested for coronavirus (COVID 19). A new, continuous cough means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

What happens if my child has coronavirus (COVID 19) symptoms?

- The medical advice is clear: **you must not bring your child to school if they have coronavirus symptoms** (even if you think it's unlikely to be coronavirus).
- The main symptoms of coronavirus are:
 - high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
 - new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- If your child has one or more of these symptoms, they must self-isolate straight away for 10 days – or longer if they still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.
- You must book a coronavirus test for your child.

What if the test is negative?

- If your child gets a negative test result and your child feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can stop self-isolating and return to school.
- Other members of the household can stop self-isolating.

What if the test is positive?

- If your child gets a positive test result, your child and other members of your household must continue to self-isolate.
- You **must** inform the school immediately, even out of school hours including weekends. Please inform the school of any positive test result via email office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org
- The class and very possibly the whole year group bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Only the symptomatic child's family would need to self-isolate.
- The family members of others in the bubble do not need to self-isolate – unless they themselves develop symptoms.
- If the school has a confirmed case of coronavirus, then the Health Protection Team will immediately be made aware. They will carry out a rapid risk assessment and will engage with the NHS Test and Trace to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period and will advise on action that needs to be taken.

What if a household member develops coronavirus (COVID 19) symptoms?

- **You must not bring your child to school if someone they live with has coronavirus symptoms.**
- You all must self-isolate straight away for 14 days.
- The household member who has symptoms should book a test. If they get a negative test result other members of the household can stop self-isolating and your child can return to school.
- If they get a positive test result, all household members should self isolate for 14 days.
- Please inform the school immediately, even out of school hours. Please inform the school of any positive test result via email office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org

What if I cannot book a test?

- Contact the school. We may have details of walk in test centres that are open as well as some home test kits.

What happens if my child develops coronavirus symptoms at school?

- They will be sent home and you should arrange to book a test.
- All household members should self isolate straight away as above.

Drop off and pick up reminders for all parents

- Please ensure that **ALL** parents follow these drop off and pick up reminders. **It is very important that these reminders are strictly adhered to at all times to ensure everyone's safety:**
 - Only **one** adult per family should drop off.

- **Socially distance** at all times. The current guidance is to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors). It is advisable to wear a **face covering** when dropping off and picking up your child.
- Keep to the **one way routes** on the paths.
- Wait in the **designated space** when dropping off/picking up and ensure you keep off any paths.
- All parents are to ensure that they drop off/pick up their child **on time. DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY.**
- Note the **adjusted drop off/pick up times** for parents with **siblings**. [Click here](#) for more details. Please note that the adjusted times are for parents who have **siblings only**.
- Please **do not** allow children to play on the **fixed play equipment** at the beginning and end of the day.

Meet the Teacher: Year 1 - Year 6

Further to the information you have already received from school, we would like to point you in the direction of specific information for your child's class. This year our *Meet the Teacher* session will not be held in school, instead, you can [click here](#) to find your *Meet the Teacher* presentation. This presentation includes important information about your child's day to day routines, uniform and a celebration of their learning this week. It is important that you view this presentation in order to prepare yourselves and your child for their year ahead.

Home Learning: Year 1 - Year 6

Through lockdown, Grange Park teachers and support staff developed the use of the Google Classroom. I'm sure you will agree, this platform has been a fantastic addition to the children's learning and we do not want to lose the momentum gained through the use of this tool. **Starting this week, year 1-year 6 will be setting year group specific home learning on the Google classroom.** The children's usernames and passwords remain the same as last academic year. After logging on, they will need to accept the invitation to their new classroom (as before) where they will find the home learning set for them. If you need a reminder of your child's username and password, please send a note in their home-school diaries. Home Learning will be set weekly on a Friday and will be due the following Friday when our teachers will acknowledge it through the Google Classroom.

Thank you everyone for your continued support during this time. With my very best wishes.

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