

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Dear parents

Update on the full opening of schools in September

I hope you managed to all have a good summer. We look forward to welcoming the children in year 1 to year 6 full time as planned on **Monday 7 September**. Our new reception and nursery parents will have received details of their start dates before the summer holidays.

Information regarding September

[Click here](#) to view the information that was sent out to parents before the summer holidays for your information again. Please read through the information carefully. Do note the extension of the self-isolation period for people who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive test result has now increased from 7 to 10 days. Primary school children are still **not** required to wear a face covering.

A copy of our operational risk assessment for the full reopening of schools is available to view on the website. [Click here](#) to view a copy.

We have updated our Behaviour Guidelines, Coronavirus Appendix. [Click here](#) to view a copy.

Drop off and collection

Please see additional information below which details where parents should drop off and collect their child:

Year group	Class	Parent drop off and collection point
Nursery	Acorn morning	Drop off: Outer classroom door Collect: door next to medical room
	Acorn all day	Outer classroom door
	Acorn afternoon	Drop off: Door next to medical room Collect: outer classroom door
Reception	Bluebell	Outer classroom door
	Daffodil	Outer classroom door
	Snowdrop	Outer classroom door
	Tulip	Outer classroom door
Year 1	Butterfly	Outer classroom door
	Dragonfly	Outer classroom door
	Grasshopper	Outer classroom door
	Ladybird	Outer classroom door
Year 2	Kingfisher	Grassed area nearest to outer classroom door
	Puffin	Y1/2 playground nearest to outer classroom door
	Woodpecker	Y1/2 playground nearest to outer classroom door
Year 3	Ash	Y3/5 playground nearest to outer classroom door
	Cedar	Y3/5 playground at bottom of path to outer classroom door
	Oak	Y3/5 playground nearest to outer classroom door
	Willow	Y3/5 playground nearest to outer classroom door
Year 4	Jaguar	Drop off- If dry: Y4/6 playground nearest to path (children to walk round outside of building)

		Drop off- if wet: Y4/6 playground (children will enter from corridor door)
		Pick up: Y4/6 playground (children will exit from corridor door)
	Leopard	Y4/6 playground – children walk to/from to outer classroom door
	Puma	Y4/6 playground – children walk to/from to outer classroom door
	Tiger	Y4/6 playground – children walk to/from to outer classroom door
Year 5	Jupiter	Main school gate – children to walk to/from single outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Mercury	Main school gate – children to walk to/from single outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Neptune	Main school gate – children to walk to/from main double outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Saturn	Main school gate – children to walk to/from main double outer door in Y5&6 Hub
Year 6	Kandinsky	Main school gate – children to walk to/from single outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Lowry	Main school gate – children to walk to/from main double outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Monet	Main school gate – children to walk to/from main double outer door in Y5&6 Hub
	Picasso	Main school gate – children to walk to/from single outer door in Y5&6 Hub

Snack

The Government has confirmed that the school fruit and vegetable scheme (which provides daily fresh produce for children in reception and Year 1 & 2), will resume. However the snack will not be delivered until Tuesday 8 September. So please provide your child with a snack on Monday 7 September if you would like them to have one.

School lunches

Parents should have all received an email directly from the Pantry to sign up to their online ordering system. If you would like your child to have a school meal, you are required to order and pay (if applicable) for your child's lunch online. Please ensure that you order your child's lunch online, even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. Otherwise your child will be given a default lunch of a jacket potato with beans. If there are any issues, please contact Pantry directly on: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk Please [click here](#) to view a copy of the menu.

Travelling to school

Please walk or cycle to school if at all possible. Please [click here](#) to read school travel advice for September.

Wrap around care

We are pleased to say that we are able to provide breakfast and afterschool club from Monday 21 September, as per letter sent on 19.8.20. [Click here](#) to view a copy of the letter sent. Parents have until Thursday 3 September to book their place if required. Please note if you require a place after the club starts, then email the school office directly with details of when you require a place. We cannot guarantee or hold your place.

Using childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular settings

Please limit the number of different out-of-school settings providers your child accesses, as far as possible. If you are using a childcare provider or out of school extra-curricular activities for your child, please seek assurance that the providers have carefully considered their own protective measures.

Pupils who are shielding

Shielding advice for all adults and children was paused on 1 August 2020 which means that even the small number of pupils who remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who were shielding - read the [current advice on shielding](#)

Covid-19 home school agreement

You will receive a Form via Parentmail with our 'Grange Park Primary School Covid-19 Home School Agreement' today. The agreement sets out what our school staff, children and parents agree to do to help keep each other safe. Please read this carefully with your child and submit the form by 4pm on Thursday 3 September to confirm that you consent to this agreement. Please note that by sending your child to school, we will presume consent to this agreement.

Video to explain the changes

A video has been produced which explains some of the changes about starting school and explains the changes to the routines and procedures. Please ensure your child watches the video before starting school and has the opportunity to talk it through with you. [Click here to view the video](#)

Back to school guidance from the government

Parents are encouraged to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school. [Click here](#) for information from the government on returning to primary school: what parents need to know

The government has advised that school attendance is mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term as it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. If you do have any questions about your child returning to school after reading through the risk assessment and information sent out to parents please do contact the school office via email office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org

We look forward to welcoming you all back next week.

With my very best wishes to you and your families.

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