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19th June 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils returning to school

Last week, I shared with you a letter about Moving Forward from June 15th. I hope that you continue to feel reassured about your decisions and want to remind you that you know what is best for your child's health and wellbeing. We continue to be supportive of those families not choosing to send their child to school. I would also like to remind you that the government has also said it will be up to parents/carers whether they send their child or not. For those parents in the year groups listed above, who are still considering sending their children back to school please bear in mind that there is a process to go through and it is not merely a case of sending your child back the next day.

There will be things to consider such as: is there room in their year group bubble or will we have to create a new bubble? We would also have to consider staffing too which would potentially mean reducing the offer that is already in place for that particular year group if we had more children.

At the present time and considering social distancing measures, we are able to accommodate 8 children per bubble based on the sizes of our classrooms.

There are many things to consider and I would ask parents to re-read the letter which can be found [here](#). You ultimately know what is best for your child but if you need to discuss anything further please contact the school office 01207 502938 between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday or by email via enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk anytime.

Online Learning

Online learning packs are created each week by class teachers and can be found in each class's page on our website.

If you are struggling to access these resources, please contact the school office and these resources can be printed out.

We would ask parents to collect these resources outside of the school day. The days that these packs can be collected is Tuesday and Thursday between 8.30 and 9am.

Parents should come to the main entrance. They will not be able to enter the school building.

Free School Meals

Earlier this week, it was announced that the Free School Meal voucher scheme would be extended during the summer holidays. We are aware that we may have some families who may be entitled to Free School Meal vouchers but have not come forward so that we can help you to check.

Have a look at the following information to see if your family might be eligible <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

The check only requires a few details so if you think that you could be eligible we can do this check for you. Please contact the school office.

Please note this is a separate check to those entitled under the Universal Free School Meal (all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal when they are at school).

Uniform Orders

Our uniform supplier Tots To Teams is taking orders for uniform. This can be done directly <https://totstoteams.com/> and they have advised that parents get uniform orders delivered to home rather than school. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.