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25th September 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We would just like to remind parents of some documents we have already shared with you this week. These can be found:

Letter from Public Health with updates for Parents <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2020/09/23rd-September-PHE-letter-to-parents-and-guardians.pdf>

Letter to Parents about Gatherings at School Gates <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2020/09/Parents-Letter-School-Gates-.pdf>

Additional Information

When should I get my child a COVID-19 test?

A child who has the following symptoms should get a test:

- A new continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste
- A temperature of 38° or more

If a child needs to take a test we must have a copy of the test results sent to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or the school mobile for our records.

When should I keep my child off school?

You only need to keep them off school if they have:

- A temperature of 38° or more
- A new cough or worsening of an underlying chest condition such as asthma
- Difficulty breathing
- Change or loss of taste or smell

Those families that have been advised to isolate will have access to activities similar to those provided in lockdown. If you have trouble accessing the activities please inform the school office and we can provide a work pack for you.

There are also additional, in depth, lessons if families choose to access these. These will take a lot more time just like a lesson would in school. You can find them:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> (maths lessons)

<https://www.thenationalacademy/> (general lessons)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> (general lessons)

Photographer

The School Photographer will visit school to take individual photos on **Monday 28th September 2020**.

This year, we are unable to accept any brothers/sisters who do not attend school due to restrictions in place due to COVID-19. Afternoon Nursery children can have their picture taken between 9.15 and 9.30am. Parents can bring their child to the hall doors and the child will be greeted by a member of staff. We would ask that parents remember social distancing measures when they are waiting for their Afternoon Nursery child to have their photo taken (only one parent is permitted too).

School Dinners

If you make the decision to change your child's choice of meals from a school meal to a packed lunch, you must inform the school office. Otherwise you could be charged for school meals that your child has not taken. We would also ask that you give a week's notice. Thank you.

Safeguarding documents

Please see new guidance for Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2020 by going to <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2020/09/KCSIE-Safeguarding-School-Policy-September-2020.pdf>

School Holidays

In a letter sent previously this year, we include this academic year's holidays for 2020/21. I understand that some of the dates were wrong. The mistake has been rectified and you can see the new dates for holidays this year below.

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1 st half	Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Thursday 22 nd October 2020 (school closed from Friday 23rd October until 2nd November)
Autumn 2 nd half	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020 (school closed Monday 30th November 2020)
Spring 1 st half	Monday 4 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring 2 nd half	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 (school closed Monday 22nd February 2021)	Friday 26 th March 2021
Summer 1 st half	Monday 12 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021 (school closed Friday 30th April and Monday 3rd May 2021)
Summer 2 nd half	Tuesday 8 th June 2021 (school closed Monday 7th June 2021)	Tuesday 20 th July 2021

The same guidelines apply for parents requesting a holiday during term time and a Leave of Absence form would need to be completed and returned to the school office.

Phone Contacts

If parents/carers change their phone number or address, you must inform the school office as soon as possible. We must have contact details in the event of an accident or illness.

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? Do you think that your child/ren qualify for Free School Meals after checking <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> Please contact the school office and we can check for you.