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19th October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that children have been back for their first half term in what has been a very different half term. They have adjusted to the new normal and have taken it all in their stride and I am extremely proud of each and every child. Staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that children are happy, settled and safe and they truly deserve their half term break and I hope that it is a restful one for all.

Please take care and stay safe.

Bernadette

I have been identified as a 'close contact' via 'HSCtracing' text or through the StopCOVID app

? What does this mean? **Go home** → **Stay home**

Can I go to the shops?	No ❌
Can I go to work or school?	No ❌
Can I go out for a walk or exercise?	No ❌
Can I meet up with friends outside?	No ❌
Can I go into my garden?	Yes ✓
Can I visit my friends or family?	No ❌

Does this mean I will definitely get COVID-19? No but you are at risk - a 'close contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

How long do I need to stay at home? 14 days

As a close contact you need to self-isolate at home because you are **at risk of developing symptoms in the next 14 days** and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.

If you develop symptoms book a test.

www.pha.site/coronavirus

Hallowe'en Activities

Each class, are hoping to have a reward session (if they have saved enough money in their class bank!) on Thursday 22nd October. Classes have requested: non-uniform, a pyjama day, Movie Afternoon, Whacky Hair Day and activity sessions.

We will not be asking children to dress up in fancy dress this year. You will receive a text to say what your child's class is hoping to have either today or tomorrow.

There will also be no charge for this event as classes will be spending their well-earned pennies as part of our new Behaviour Policy. You can see our new policy [here](#).

School Holidays 2020/21(Autumn term)

School closes for half term this Thursday 22nd October and will reopen on Monday 2nd November.

Please see additional holidays for this term below.

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1 st half	Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Thursday 22 nd October 2020 (school closed from Friday 23 rd October until 2 nd November)
Autumn 2 nd half	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Friday 18 th December 2020 (school closed Monday 30 th November 2020)

Conduct on and school premises

It saddens me to say, we are aware that some adults who have been dropping off and collecting, from school, have behaved inappropriately. I would just like to generally remind everyone that any aggression displayed verbally or physically on school premises will be dealt with accordingly.

We would also ask parents if they have a query, concern, complaint that needs to be discussed that they should arrange a telephone appointment to speak to the class teacher.

Jewellery

We do not permit any kind of jewellery worn to school (watches are permitted). Please see the link for further details <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

P.E. Kits/Outdoor Shoes

As the weather turns more Autumnal, classes may request that children come to school dressed in a warmer P.E. kit. You will receive a text on the occasion where your child is permitted to do this. All children must have P.E. shoes in school too with their P.E. kit.

All children must have either: wellies or a pair of old trainers that they can change on wet days or to access the school field.

Children/Families in Isolation

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.thenational.academy/> (general lessons)

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

We are currently looking at introducing a Remote Learning Policy and we will hopefully share this soon.