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## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We have updated our risk assessment working in collaboration with the Local Authority and this can be found <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2020/10/September-School-COVID-19-Risk-Assessment-updated.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](mailto: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)

### **Earrings**

We would like to remind parents that earrings are not permitted in school or any other jewellery (watches are allowed).

Those children who may have got their ears pierced, during the summer holidays, should be able to remove their earrings now as we have been back at school for just over a month.

Thank you.

### **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.

### **Nursery Places**

We still have some 15 and 30 hour Nursery places available for this academic year. If you require a Nursery place, please contact the school office on 01207 502938 or via [enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) Please note that our starting dates- during the year- is the term after your child turns 3; if we have space available.

The start dates are Autumn (September), Spring (January) and Summer (April).

Additional information can be found <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### **Reading Books- Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3**

Over the next few weeks, we are trialling reading books going home with some of our children. We would ask that children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and 3 bring their school book bag to school each Friday. The book bags will be quarantined in a box and left until Monday. Staff, in school, will change books and these will be brought home with your child/ren each Monday.

For those children who do not have a book bag, we can provide a plastic wallet/folder so that books can be exchanged on a weekly basis.

The book that your child/ren will bring home will be in line with their phonics work in school and we would hope that parents can practise reading with their child in order to develop fluency. We hope to share some resources, next week, that will support you to help your child read at home.

The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will continue to have reading sessions within school time so they will not need to bring a book bag to school every Friday. We would encourage these children to continue to read at home. Should you require additional books, please contact the school office and we can arrange this for you.

### **Timetable Rockstars**

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 they will have received their Timestable Rockstar login this week. The winners will be announced every Friday and the winning children will receive pennies for their chart. Please contact school if your child has lost their login.

Thank you to William for organising!

### **One Way System- Dropping off and Picking Up**

We try to run a one-way system to ensure that the drop off and collection is as safe as possible for all of our families. We would ask that parents continue to do this even though the start and the end to the school day is staggered. Children with surnames A-M your drop off time is between 8.30 -8.40am and collection time is 2.50-3.00pm (Reception to Year 6 children). Those children with surnames N-Z drop off time is between 8.40-8.50am and collection is at 3pm (Reception to Year 6 children).