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1st July 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to thank all of you, as parents, for considering the safety of all in our community by following guidance when your child or a family member has felt poorly in the last week or so. Parents have continued to keep us informed with PCR test results in a timely manner and it has ensured that we have had no further bubble closures.

Cases within our community are still rising and I would ask parents to continue to:

- Isolate if they or a family member have any symptoms of covid
- Seek a PCR test if your child or family member have symptoms
- Send any covid test results to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Current statistics show that there has been a significant increase in cases over the past week <https://www.schoolcovidmap.org.uk/school/WP007804> but I can assure you that robust risk assessments remain in place. If children and their family members are well enough, children must attend school.

As cases continue to rise we will be unable to have Breakfast or After School Club due to the lack of space in the hall to accommodate children from Nursery to Year 6. Even with children spread out on their bubble tables and the time that they would spend should any child test positive then they would be considered a close contact and it would mean additional children isolating and possible bubble closures. We are also not in a position to provide only for keyworkers currently either at this time but we will review the situation on a weekly basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernadette

Water

Please remember that we only accept water in bottles and for packed lunches too. We would ask parents to encourage their child to drink water at home too.

Swap Shop

Our uniform Swap Shop is well stocked should any families require any nearly new items. Please contact Rachel C on 01207 502938 or pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Summer Holidays

Please note that school will close on Tuesday 20th July and children will return to school on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

We will share the calendar for next year's holidays before the end of term so watch this space!

The BIG Book Read

We have had a big book sort and have sent a lot of books home for our families to enjoy. Once your child has read and enjoyed, please pass them to someone else so they can have the same enjoyment.

Thank you for all of the carrier bags to help us share our books too!

Contacting School

Any general enquiries, complaints and concerns should be directed to the school office. If you are sharing these by email, they must be sent to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk (this includes covid test results for children and family members).

Some parents are still using send@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk which is for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) enquiries only. All general queries sent here will be forwarded to the school office for their attention.

Tapestry is used to communicate and comment about school work. Please see below for more information.

Tapestry

You or your child can also message your teachers. With regards to messaging, we would like to clarify how this can be used:

DO

- Do message if you want to share something positive from home
- Do message if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message if your child has any minor worries, for example: *'Jack didn't quite understand fractions today, could you please point me in the direction of where I can get some further practise work for him'*

DON'T

- Please do not use Tapestry app to raise an issue, please contact the school office in the usual way: enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk
- Please do not message via Tapestry to notify school of absences or illnesses - this should be done via the school office as normal
- Please do not use Tapestry to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this. Remember in most cases your child's class teacher will have responsibility for the whole class while your child is isolating so will only be able to access the app before or after the school teaching day.

REMEMBER

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there could be a slight delay on occasion. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4pm or on a weekend as teachers will not be able to reply.

It is extremely important that ALL parents/carers use Tapestry as any families isolating will need to access home learning in the event that families or whole classes need to isolate.

If you are having any trouble accessing Tapestry, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you need access to a school laptop, stationery or any additional resources to support with home learning please do not hesitate to get in touch with teachers via Tapestry or the school office.