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## 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Newsletter



### Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short but very busy week at The Grove Primary School. It has been lovely to see all of the children back and dressed super smart in their school uniforms and school shoes this week. I understand that some parents are awaiting some uniform from our suppliers as well as school shoes and hope that these issues are resolved soon. Thank you to you, as parents, in ensuring that children are smartly dressed and ready for school.

Although it has been a short week, lots of hard work has taken place; staff have enjoyed getting to know their new classes and children have been getting back into the routine of the school day. I am looking forward to all that 2021/2022 has to offer and I hope that you all have a fabulous first weekend.

Bernadette

### Dropping Off and Picking up

We have continued to stagger the way that children enter school each morning. Nursery children and their siblings can enter at 8.30am. Any child with a surname A-M can enter between 8.35-8.45am and any child with a surname N-Z between 8.40-8.50am. Please remember that gates and registers close promptly at 8.50am. All children will be dismissed at 3pm through the same point they entered school.

Please ensure that children walk/wait safely on the path before they enter or when they leave the school premises.

We would ask- where possible- that parents walk to school to alleviate traffic along Oakfield Lane. Parents/Family members dropping off are also asked to follow a one-way system. We would also ask that those driving do so slowly and carefully allow children and families to cross the road safely.

A form to permit children to walk to and from school was sent to children in Year 3 to Year 6 earlier this week. If you would like your child to walk, even to the gate, please let a member of staff know.

I am always at the gate, each morning, so please pass any messages to me or the member of staff at your child's entrance point.

### School Dinners

We have had a number of families return and have changed their options from school dinners to packed lunch and vice versa without informing the school office. You must inform us if your child makes this change.

You can also contact the school office if there is an issue with your child's menu either on 01207 502938 or via [enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk)

## Uniform

### Just a reminder for parents....

Our school uniform consists of:

- Red jumper/cardigan with school badge
- Red and white chequered summer dresses for girls
- White polo/collared shirt
- Black or grey trousers for boys (optional for girls)
- Black or grey skirt/pinafore dress for girls
- Black flat shoes (Trainers are not permitted)

Children must wear a change of clothing for P.E. and training shoes if permitted for the activity. Our school P.E. kit consists of: team coloured t shirt with embroidered school logo or a plain team coloured t shirt and black shorts (for any new families, who may have joined us, we are in the process of organising team colours).

## Jewellery

Children are only permitted to wear a watch in school (no smart watches). There have been a number of children returning to school with earrings. Children are not permitted to wear earrings to school.

### Uniform Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop has been used and utilised by a number of families but we are keen that more parents use it. We have a range of nearly new items including P.E. uniform, coats and shoes too. Please contact Rachel C if we can help in anyway.

### School Photographer

The School Photographer will visit school to take individual photos on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will be more information to follow.

### After School Club

There will be no After School Club on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September due to staff training.

### Water Bottles

All children must bring a water bottle to school and we would ask that water is sent in your child's bottle (even with a packed lunch).

### Swimming

The Year 6 children will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. They will need a swimming kit, plus towel and goggles (if necessary).

Thank you.

### COVID 19

Please see the latest risk assessment [here](#) Most of the risk assessment is as it was in July. We have kept some of the routines that we established, last academic year, in place to support parents and pupils.

We would continue to ask parents that if your child has any covid symptoms then they must not come to school.

They then must get a PCR test and not a lateral flow test and send the negative result to school ([enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk)) before they can return. You will understand that we have a duty to keep all of our school community safe.

The school email will be monitored daily (including weekends) and it is important that you inform us as soon as possible.

We will continue to review the situation for: assemblies, other clubs and visits and will hopefully have more updates as we move through September.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.