



Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you are all safe and well and managed to have a restful February half-term. This letter is sent in response to last night's announcement for the return of all pupils to schools on Monday 8th March, as part of the government's [roadmap for leaving lockdown](#). In light of this – we thought it was important to reach out to parents with some reminders and updates on the ways in which we continue to strive to keep our school and community safe.

So that the staff can prepare fully for the children's return to school, you may find that on Thursday 4th March there are no live lessons with the Class Teachers – information will be included in the weekly Parentmail. On Friday 5th March the Class Social Zooms (as part of Reading Week) will still go ahead as planned.

In preparation for the children's return, we have reviewed our risk assessment and will continue to apply the same system of controls we had in place in the Autumn Term to minimise the risk of infection and keep our children, staff, parents and community as safe as possible. For details of all of our existing safety measures and risk assessment, please refer to the Parentmail sent on 27th August 2020 and also the ['Returning to School'](#) page of our website.

Here are some important key reminders that we thought may also be useful:

Laptops on Loan:

If you borrowed a laptop for your child's remote learning, please keep this at home until the end of the school year. It may be needed if any Bubbles have to isolate and engage in remote learning.

Children who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV):

If your child is CEV and has received a shielding letter, please let us know by Friday 26th February so that we can make appropriate plans. Letters can be copied and given to the School Office or scanned and sent to info@grovepark.hounslow.sch.uk

Home Learning (homework):

We will shortly be sending information on Home Learning e.g. when it will resume and how it will be set and organised. Please look out for a Parentmail about this.

Drop off in the mornings:

Our one-way system will continue to be in place as it has been since September.

To ensure there is enough space to socially distance we ask that families arrive at their **originally allocated time slot**. Families will be asked to wait (socially distanced) outside the entrances on Nightingale Close until it is their allocated time to enter the school site (see a reminder of times below). You can enter with your oldest child and walk around the school to drop off younger siblings.

- Years 5 & 6: 8:40am – right hand gate when facing the school
- Years 3 & 4: 8:45am – left hand gate when facing the school
- Years 1 & 2: 8:50am – right hand gate
- Nursery and Reception: 8:55am – left hand gate

You may be asked to wait if there are too many people entering the site – please be patient with one another and staff.

Face Masks:

We ask that, unless exempt, parents continue to wear a face covering when on the school site. Staff will also be wearing them in the office and at drop off and pick up at the end of the day.

Collection at the end of the day:

Unfortunately, we need to continue our policy of parents communicating with teachers via telephone and/or email rather than in person at the end of the school day. **We ask that parents leave the premises as soon as they have picked up their child.**

Social Distancing:

As social distancing is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we ask that parents continue to maintain a distance of at least 2m from one another and the staff. We know this is so hard when we are such a close community (and haven't seen each other for so long!) – but the aim is to reduce the opportunity for the spread of the virus as much possible and to avoid having to isolate any Bubbles at home.

Some reminders to help protect one another:

- Please use the yellow markings on the floor when moving around the outside of the school;
- Leave Key Stage 1 children at the yellow line on the floor near their entrance rather than dropping off at the door;
- Please do not congregate outside the school gates;
- Please walk around the one-way system that is in place in front of the Key Stage 1 door.

Travel Abroad:

Whilst we want all children to be back in school, please ensure you follow the government's quarantine and home testing guidance:

Where pupils (and their parents or guardians or family member) have travelled from or through a ['red list'](#) country in the previous 10 days, they must quarantine in a managed quarantine hotel for 10 days. Pupils travelling to England from other, non-red, list countries will need to quarantine for 10 days at home or a suitable place and purchase a home testing kit, with coronavirus (COVID-19) tests to be taken on days 2 and 8 after arrival.

We know that parents need to return to work but it is vital that we all follow the rules and play our part in protecting our whole community. If we become aware that families have recently travelled we will ask that children return home to quarantine for the correct number of days. Please contact us in the usual way to notify us of your child's reason for their absence.

All of these precautions have been put in place for the safety and well-being of our school and community. Thank you so much for your continued patience and understanding, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March – we are very proud of the children and so grateful to you all for your support for their remote learning. We are VERY excited to see all of our wonderful Grove Parkers.

Kind Regards

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