

# Grove Street Primary and Nursery School



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Dear parents/ carers,

As we approach the end of term, I wanted to write to you all with a few updates and thank you all for your support during the pandemic.

## Transition Visits

We are looking forward to seeing all our children and families again. We understand that current times feel uncertain and families are concerned about what schooling will look like in September and how we are going to support your child with a smooth transition into their new class. We wanted all of our children to have the opportunity to come into school, say goodbye to their current teacher, meet their new teacher and see their friends. Children starting Little Learners, Nursery and Reception have their own transition visits (separate letter).

Current Year Group	Date of visit	Drop off time and place	Pick up time and place
Reception	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Main entrance (near staff car park)	11.00am Main entrance (near staff car park)
Year 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm KS1 playground entrance	2.30pm KS1 playground entrance
Year 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am KS1 playground entrance	11.00am KS1 playground entrance
Year 3	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm KS2 playground entrance	2.30pm KS2 playground entrance
Year 4	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am KS2 playground entrance	11.00am KS2 playground entrance
Year 5	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm Main entrance (near staff car park)	2.30pm Main entrance (near staff car park)

**Please note: Parents will not be able to come onto the playground due to current Coronavirus health & safety guidelines.**

## New Classes

Current Class	New Class/Teacher	Current Class	New Class/Teacher
Little Learners Mrs McCarthy	Nursery PM Miss Campbell	Nursery PM Miss Campbell	Nursery AM Miss Campbell
Nursery Miss Campbell	Reception Miss Kingsley and Miss McCleod		
RK Miss Kingsley	1KE Miss Ellis	RM Miss McCleod	1SE Mrs Ellison / Miss Pickstock
1E Miss Ellis	2W Miss Weston	1EP Mrs Ellison / Miss Pickstock	2B Mrs Banks
2B Mrs Banks	3K Mr Kendrick	2W Miss Weston	3M Mrs Mercer
3K Mr Kendrick	4SR Mr Smith Richards	3M Mrs Mercer	4M Mr McClements
4SR Mr Smith Richards	5P Mr Porter	4M Mr McClements	5HS Mr Hewitt / Mrs Stanley
5P Mr Porter	6E Miss Ellis	5B Miss Barke	6B Miss Barke

## Year 6 Celebration

We would like to invite all of our Year 6 children to attend (if not already in school) on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1-3pm for a leavers' celebration party.**

This will be outdoors, with music and food. Unfortunately we can't have the usual bouncy castle or the parents celebration due to Coronavirus restrictions. We don't want all our Year 6s to move on to high school without a proper goodbye!

## Year 6 Transition

The high schools have been in contact with our Year 6 teachers to discuss transition needs for individual children. They will contact you directly regarding visits.

## Reports

To reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission, this year we will email your child's report.

- Year 5 and Year 6 reports will be emailed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Year 3 and Year 4 reports will be emailed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Year 1 and Year 2 reports will be emailed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- EYFS reports will be emailed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

## Uniform

Please can you ring the office (0151 645 2170) to check if we have the items of uniform you require in stock and arrange a time to collect please.

## **Key Worker Provision**

I wanted to confirm as early as possible that we will not be open to any year group or key workers during the summer holidays. Both teaching staff, support staff, admin and senior leaders have been happy to work well above their contractual hours during the corona virus pandemic, and I am sure you will appreciate that they now need some time to recharge their batteries ready for the new term. Lots of the staff (including myself) are busy painting the school and ensuring it feels homely when our children return in September.

We are waiting for further information from the government about summer schools and tuition programmes that have been mentioned, and I will update you if any information comes through about such schemes and how they are to be accessed. In the meantime I am sure you join me in thanking all the staff for how they have gone “over and above” the call of duty during this difficult time. We have been really touched by all your kind messages about this during Lockdown, so thank you.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Families who have been receiving FSM vouchers via Edenred will receive a one off payment of £60 per child to cover the summer holidays.

## **September 2020**

Current guidance suggests that all children will be in school from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, the Government are planning to issue guidelines later this week on what this will look like. We have a recovery plan in place detailing how we will support children both emotionally and with their learning.

The mental health and wellbeing of our children is paramount and our first priority when children return to school. We understand that it is more important now than ever that our children have smooth transitions and sufficient time to settle back into school life due to the recent changes our children have had to adapt to. We are unbelievably proud of our children and families for this. As a school we pride ourselves in our nurturing approach, we know how precious your children are to you and want you to feel assured that with each decision we make as a school, it is always with your children’s best interests at heart.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support and patience,

Mrs Walsh

Head Teacher

