

Grove Street Primary and Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your support and to say how much I appreciate that you are doing all you can to keep your children safe at home.

As you know the new variant of COVID-19 is spreading rapidly leading to acute pressure in the NHS and further loss of life. In the last week, the situation in Wirral has become very serious which means we now all need to work together to drive infection rates down.

You will be aware the government guidance clearly states,

“People should stay at home if they can,”

Paul Boyce OBE, Director for Children, Families and Education stated, “In this context we are writing to remind you that your child should stay at home and access remote learning if it is at all possible to do so. This will reduce the number of households mixing and the transmission of the virus in the borough.”

Schools have to work within the capacity they have which is determined by the school based risk assessment, the need to provide remote learning for the majority of children and the number of staff they have available to work

Already this week, the number of school based staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are having to self-isolate has increased dramatically and this is likely to continue at least for the next few weeks due to the high levels of cases in the Wirral. This means that we need to prioritise the return of children based on individual need, and on the safety of the staff and children in school.

Paul Boyce also stated, “Vulnerable children and children of health workers, social workers and those working in our schools will be allocated places before children of other critical workers. The number of places available will be determined by the head teacher of each school and is likely to vary from week to week. All decisions will be made based on the school risk assessment, staffing availability and the capacity needed to provide high quality remote education.” He emphasised that, “If your child(ren) can remain at home rather than attend school, on some or all days, then they should.”

Government guidance has been updated to state that Nursery classes within schools can open fully. We know and understand that parents may decide to keep their children at home and continue to access home learning provision. Please be assured if this is your choice, we will continue to support you and your family as always. Please contact school if there is anything we can do to support you further.

I want to reassure you that as your child is on roll if you choose to keep your child at home, your child’s place at our nursery is guaranteed. If you would like your child to attend Nursery, please contact the enquiries@grovestreet.wirral.sch.uk as soon as possible and no later than 2pm 19th January 2021 to ensure we can plan staffing.

I would like to thank you for your patience and compassion to staff that you have shown throughout this pandemic. We know that if we pull together as a school family, we can keep everyone safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Lisa Walsh
Headteacher

