

Monday 4 January 2021

Dear parents

RE: Information regarding the on-site provision for families of critical workers and vulnerable children

We are pleased to offer your child a place in our on-site provision for the start of the spring term. Please note that if children can stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society. **Please only use the provision when it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role and your child cannot be safely cared for at home or you have a vulnerable child.**

Bubbles

- The majority of the children will be in year group bubbles with the exception of some children who are in year 4 who will be taught together in a bubble with the year 5 children.
- A separate letter will go out to any year 4 child who is in the mixed year 4&5 bubble.
- The bubbles will be taught by a class teacher from that year group on rotation.
- The nursery bubble will be taught by a mixture of the class teacher and nursery support staff.
- The Year 4&5 bubble will be taught by a year 5 teacher.
- These staffing arrangements **may change** however depending on staffing availability.
- Start and end of the day arrangements will revert back to the original times/arrangements.

Year group	Location	Drop off/pick up	Start and end of the day times
Nursery	Acorn classroom (YN)	Drop off/pick up: Nursery gate by the path	All day: 8:30am -3:30pm Morning: 8:30am-11:30am Afternoon: 12:30pm-3:30pm (can drop off later or pick up earlier if siblings)
Reception	Daffodil classroom (YR)	Drop off/pick up: Outside the classroom by - EYFS area	Gates opened: 8:30am Classroom doors open: 8:45am (for a prompt 8:55am start) End of the day: 3:10pm
Year 1	Grasshopper classroom (Y1)	Drop off/pick up: Outside the classroom - by Y1/Y2 playground	
Year 2	Kingfisher classroom (Y2)	Drop off/pick up: Outside the classroom (walk through the pathway between Snowdrop classroom and Ladybird Classroom)	
Year 3	Cedar classroom (Y3)	Drop off/pick up: Outside the classroom - by Y3&5 playground	
Year 4	Leopard	Drop off/pick up: Outside the classroom - by Y4&6	

	classroom (Y4)	playground	
Year 4 & 5	Jupiter classroom (Y5)	Drop off: Parents drop off at the main gates. Children enter through Y4/5 Hub (Double doors) Pick up: Meeting area	
Year 6	Picasso classroom (Y6)	Drop off: Parents drop off at the main gates. Children enter through Y4/5 Hub (single doors) Pick up: meeting area	

Absences

- If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you report this via Parentmail.

Lunches

- Please make sure that all school meals are cancelled on the online Pantry system for the following two weeks regardless of if you are having a meal in school, to avoid any double charging.
- If you do not cancel your meal a deduction from your account will still be made even if your child did not attend school.
- If you would like your child to have a school meal please ensure that you have completed the form that was sent to parents yesterday by **midday today**.

What can my child bring into school?

- Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable snack if you wish (no biscuits, cereal bars, cheeses or crisps). We are unsure whether the fruit and vegetable scheme provided for reception, year 1 and year 2 by the government will go ahead.
- Children should bring in their own named water bottle.
- Children should bring in their school bag, but please leave all other toys, books, pens, pencils, pencil cases, etc. at home.

Uniform

- Children are expected to wear school uniform as usual.

PE days

- PE for reception-year 6 will be on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. The children are to wear their PE kits on these days.

Preparing your child

- Please talk to your child about what to expect on their return to school as many of the children will be taught in a different classroom and may not be taught by their class teacher.

Key reminders

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents of the following to ensure that we can reduce the risk of transmission in our school community. It is very important that these reminders are strictly adhered to at all times to ensure everyone's safety:

Drop off and pick up reminders

- Please ensure children arrive on time.

- Only one adult per family should drop off.
- Socially distance at all times.
- It is strongly advisable to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up your child.
- Keep to the one way routes on the paths.
- Wait in the designated space when dropping off/picking up and ensure you keep off any paths.
- Please do not allow children to play on the fixed play equipment at the beginning and end of the day.
- Please ensure that children in different bubbles **do not mix** at the beginning and end of the day.

COVID 19 Symptoms

- Please ensure that your child (or anyone who drops off/picks up your child) does not come to school if they have any COVID 19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.
- If your child has symptoms they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and you should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Other members of your household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- If your child tests negative after having symptoms and they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and come back to school. Other members of your household can stop self-isolating.
- If your child tests positive, you should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and they must continue to self isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have any symptoms, other than a continuing cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. Other members of the household should continue to self isolate for the full 10 days.
- Please inform the school immediately if your child or household member tests positive for covid 19 by emailing the school office: office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org

Updated guidance to parents

Please [click here](#) to read the guidance on what parents need to know about schools in the spring term.

Safety is our priority and we have put a large number of protective measures in place to ensure that the school environment is as safe as it possibly can be for our school community. We must stress that you have a huge part to play in helping us by following the guidelines that we have set out for you.

As always do please contact the school if you have any questions or would like any support.

With my very best wishes to you and your families

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