

Friday 1 September 2023

Dear Parents

### Reminders for the Start of Term & Meet The Teacher Arrangements

I hope you are all having a fantastic summer! We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 to Year 6 back on **Tuesday 5 September**. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new nursery and reception children to school very soon.

#### Pencil Cases

As you know, children from Year 1 - Year 6 should bring in their own pencil case and stationery to school which many schools are requesting now. This enables children to take care and have a sense of responsibility for their own belongings. Please see the list with a link to Amazon to where you can order the items from:

- 1 x Clear pencil case (20cm X 12cm) e.g. [Clear Pencil Case](#)
- 1 x A glue stick e.g. [Pritt Glue Stick](#)
- 3 X HB pencils (Staedtler Noris/Yellow and Black HB) e.g. [HB Pencils](#)
- 1 x Purple pen (ball point) e.g. [Purple Pens](#)
- 3 x Whiteboard pen e.g. [Whiteboard Pens](#).
- 1 x Black handwriting pen (Y4-Y6 only) e.g. [Handwriting Pens](#)
- 1 x Sharpener e.g. [Pencil Sharpener](#)
- 1 x Rubber e.g. [Rubber](#)
- 6 x colouring pencils e.g. [colouring pencils](#)
- Box of tissues for the classroom e.g. [Tissues](#) (this doesn't need to be labelled as it's for the classroom)



Please ensure the pencil cases and items fit the above description and clearly labelled.

### Meet the Teacher (Y1-Y6) - Wednesday 6 September - Monday 11 September

We are pleased to be inviting parents to come into school to Meet the Teacher in your child's new classroom. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher as well as finding out about key information and dates for your child's class. Please see details on the table below:

Year group	Date	Time	Arrangements
Y1	Friday 8 September	9.00 - 9.45	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y2	Monday 11 September	9.00 - 9.45	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y3	Thursday 7 September	9.00 - 9.45	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y4	Thursday 7 September	2.30 - 3.20	Come down through the playground and wait at the outside door to the classroom, the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y5	Monday 11 September	2.30 - 3.20	Come into the classrooms via the Year 5&6 Hub.
Y6	Wednesday 6 September	2.30 - 3.20	Come into the classrooms via the Year 5&6 Hub.

### PE Days

You will be advised which days your child should wear their PE kit to school during the meet the teacher presentation, but for the first week of term please ensure your child is wearing PE kit on these days:

<b>Tuesday 5 September</b>	Year 6
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b>	Year 1 & 5
<b>Thursday 7 September</b>	Year 2, 3 & 4

### School Uniform

We believe uniform is important because it plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It also gives children a sense of pride in themselves and the school. It is a powerful tool in ensuring all children are included - not made to feel left out for the

tracksuit or trainers they are wearing. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform in September. **This also includes children wearing the correct PE uniform (grey joggers and sweatshirt with a logo as well as plain black trainers) to school on their PE days.**

You may have also noticed that some children have been wearing purple PE T-Shirts. These are being phased in as well as grey polo shirts to wear with purple cardigans/jumpers. Don't worry you can still wear the white ones in the meantime. A full list of our uniform can be found [here](#).

### **Attendance: Every School Day Counts!**

At Grange Park we know that regular attendance is vital for our children to achieve their full potential at school. We want to share our expectations around attendance with parents to ensure we work together to support our children to excel. **Please encourage your child to continue to attend school every day and on time.**

#### **How can parents help?**

You can support us with securing excellent levels of attendance by:

- Not booking holidays in term time - written requests must go to the Headteacher before any travel arrangements are made.
- Not taking your child out of school unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Ensuring any medical appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible. This includes dentist and optician appointments.
- Always encouraging your child to attend school.
- Encouraging excellent punctuality and setting good routines, as persistent lateness will affect their attendance.

Your child's attendance will continue to be monitored as part of our whole school attendance monitoring process. Our school target for attendance is 97% which we hope to achieve this year.

### **GPPSA Picnic For Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents**

I'm pleased to inform you that the GPPSA have organised a picnic on **Saturday 23 September** from **11am-2pm** on the school field. We hope to see lots of you there!

Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, enjoy the last couple of days of the summer holidays!

Best wishes

Tijen Hassan  
**Headteacher**