

Wednesday 3 March 2021

Dear parents

Arrangements for all children returning on Monday 8 March

We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children back at school on Monday 8 March! Looking back at this term, we have achieved so much already... Families have been supported with over 5000 hours of remote learning, we've delivered over 400 live lessons, we have loaned nearly 700 chromebooks, provided over £10,000 worth of FSM vouchers and provided education to over 200 critical worker families on site. We have amazing staff here at Grange Park who will ensure that your children settle quickly when they are back.

I know this hasn't been easy for the children and a priority will be to support the children's well being including to re-establish relationships, routines and expectations and to encourage strong behaviour for learning. Structured sessions will be delivered, through the teaching of PSHE using the JIGSAW curriculum and circle times, to acknowledge children's experiences during school closure, address possible concerns and support the rebuilding of relationships and social engagement. Effective assessment for learning will ensure children make accelerated progress, particularly the most disadvantaged, and we will continue to build on our successes through the National Tutoring Programme (NTP). This programme provides additional support to schools to help children whose education has been most affected by school closures and to provide a longer-term contribution to children's overall attainment. We will be carefully spending this funding but it will all start with quality teaching for every child, every day of the week.

Please see below details of the arrangements for next week:

1:1 Chromebooks for children in year 1-6

Can all children bring their chromebooks into school **every day**. The children will be using the chromebooks in school to enhance existing learning strategies, where this will be beneficial.

Attendance

As per government guidance, school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March.

Drop off and collection times

We are reverting back to the staggered drop off and collection times as last term. Families with siblings can continue to drop off or collect their children 15 minutes earlier/later than the allocated times below:

	Year 2 & Year 4	Year 1, Year 3 & Year 6	Reception & Year 5
Start time	8:30am	8:45am	9:00am
Finish time	2:45pm	3:00pm	3:15pm

Nursery drop off and collection times remain the same as usual (8:30am-11:30pm/ 12:30pm-3:30pm/ 8:30am-3:30pm).

Lunches

Please ensure you have ordered your child's school lunch online via the [Pantry ordering system](#). Select a choice for your child, even if you do not pay for your meal, otherwise your child will receive the default option of a jacket potato with a filling, vegetables and a dessert. [Click here](#) to view the updated menu which is on the website.

PE days

Please can the the children come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday	Monday & Thursday	Monday & Tuesday (Puffin) or Wednesday (Kingfisher & woodpecker)	Wednesday & Thursday (Oak & Cedar) or Friday (Ash & Willow)	Wednesday & Thursday (Jaguar & Puma) or Friday (Tiger & Leopard)	Tuesday & Monday (Saturn & Mercury) or Wednesday (Jupiter & Neptune)	Thursday & Friday

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 classes **do not mix** at the beginning and end of the day.
- [Click here](#) for a copy of the school's risk assessment.

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

Extend- breakfast and afterschool club

Breakfast and Afterschool Club (Extend) will also be open from Monday 8 March. If you had previously booked a place at Extend for spring 1, the booking will transfer automatically to this half term. Please contact Extend directly if you would like to make any changes to your booking or to book a new place: extend@grangeparkprimaryelt.org

Updated guidance to parents

Please [click here](#) to read the guidance on what parents need to know about schools during COVID-19.

As always do please contact the school if you have any questions or would like any support. We cannot wait to see all the children back next week!

With my very best wishes to your and your families.

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