

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Autumn 1 2020**

I would like to begin by thanking all parents and carers for their continued support and positivity since our return to school in September. Your understanding and willingness to take on board the changes to our usual routines and procedures has been fantastic and is very much appreciated.

Our soft start approach to bringing children in the morning over a slightly extended period has been very effective in promoting social distancing and it is lovely to see so many smiling faces as the children arrive at school each day. The staggered end to the day generally works well, but I would like to remind any adults coming to collect children that they should not be standing in close distance with other adults in groups, and that as soon as children have been collected they should then move off the school site to minimise contacts as much as possible.

The one way system that was in place before the summer break is still available to be used when the school site is busier and it is more difficult to social distance. Please do use this if you can to again minimise contacts and maintain appropriate social distancing whenever possible.

### **Face masks**

Just a reminder about face masks: The advice we have been given is that children do not need to wear masks in school. You and your child may wear masks as you make your journey to school each day. On arrival to school, your child will be asked to remove their mask and place it into a sealed bag before entering the building. Disposable masks will be put in the bin and reusable masks will need to be stored in your child's book bag. We will no longer be taking the children's temperature as they come to school each day. Both these control measures are in line with the guidance issued.

### **Communication with class teachers**

At this time, we are still unable to allow parents and visitors into school unless you have made an appointment and wherever possible this would happen via telephone or through a google meet invitation. If you need to speak to a teacher, please contact the school office via telephone. Staff in the office will arrange for the teacher to call you back. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact us via email on [admin@grovehouseprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@grovehouseprimaryschool.co.uk). Appointments for parent consultation will soon be available on our Arbour parent portal so please do make sure you have downloaded the App.

As we leave today for our half term it is vitally important that we all follow the government guidance and continue to minimise our contact with others not in our households as much as we can.

We have had to unfortunately close some class bubbles during the first half term and this has been managed quickly and efficiently with parents being informed as soon as school has received notification. To enable us all to return to a more normal - normal it is imperative that those of us that have been directed to self-isolate must do so in order to stem the spread of the virus and protect those we love.

Please have a safe, happy half term and we will see again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kindest regards,

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