



Grove House Primary School, Myers Lane, Bradford, BD2 4ED

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are once again at the end of another school year - but this time it feels a little bit different as we break up for this summer as an officially 'good' school with an outstanding early years provision!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of our school community who have supported us on our journey and all our parents and carers for their continued positivity and support over the past year and more. We truly believe we have the most confident, characterful and kind children at Grove, and the highest expectations and aspirations for what they can achieve in the future.

As often happens at this time of year we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff who are sadly moving on from Grove. We would like to thank all our staff members who are leaving for their commitment and dedication to our school and to wish them all the very best for the future.

Anisa Iqbal and Mysie Holland have both successfully completed their apprenticeship at Grove and are moving on to use their skills in other schools in Bradford.

Mr Mohammed Tauqeer Khan also leaves us to continue to work in schools across Bradford.

Of our teachers, Miss Momina Ali is leaving us to take up the exciting opportunity to work in an international school in Kuwait, and Miss Jen Wright is taking up a secondment at another school in our Trust to spread her early years magic to Keighley!

Finally, one of our longest standing members of staff is going to be retiring this year. Mrs Jillian Sample has worked at Grove House for 25 years! She has decided that now is the right time for her to retire and to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. We know you will all join us in thanking her for her commitment and wishing her all the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.





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We will also be welcoming a new teacher to school Miss Simrah Parveen who will be teaching in year 3. Miss Parveen completed her final teaching practice at Grove this year so we already know she will fit in very well to the Grove House community.

Year 6 leavers

When we have to say goodbye to our year 6 children it is always with very mixed emotions. We know they are ready for high school and we are so proud of what they have achieved at Grove House.

However, we will **really** miss them!

We wish them all love and luck in their next chapter and for them to know that they are always welcome to come and call in to Grove House and let us know how they are getting on.

Some general reminders for children's return on Wednesday 4th September

Timings

Our school opening times:

- Doors open for register at **8.45am**
- School closes at **3.15pm** and children should be picked up promptly from their allocated class exit.

School Uniform

Children generally come to Grove House School looking very smart. We have noticed that footwear this year has become an issue and children have started coming to school in very brightly coloured, expensive trainers which are not appropriate for our school uniform.

Children must wear comfy, black school shoes or black trainers to school.

If children arrive in September in brightly coloured trainers we will call home and ask for an alternative pair to be brought into school.





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If children are coming to school in wellies they must bring an alternative pair of shoes or pumps for inside as wellies are not appropriate or comfortable to be worn all day inside.

If your child is going to be wearing trainers with laces they **must** learn how to tie them themselves. This is a great summer challenge and builds children's independence and fine motor skills. It also stops staff having to tie up the dreaded 'wet laces', so please, please try to get them to be doing this independently by September!

Grove House Uniform

I have added jogging bottoms as an option this year as our outdoor play can be very active and children can move around more easily in this fabric. Please make sure they are the plain, unbranded type. (they are also a lot cheaper and you don't need to iron them!)

- Black or dark grey trousers, jogging pants, skirt or pinafore
- White or jade green polo shirt – plain or with school logo
- Jade green school sweatshirt/cardigan – plain or with school logo
- Year 6 only – black sweatshirt/cardigan– plain or with school logo
- Black shoes or all black trainers**

NB -We have over 435 children in school and they all wear the same coloured jumpers and cardigans.

Please ensure that you write your child's name into the labels of all jumpers and cardigans. You don't need a fancy pen for this, biro works just as well, and lasts a good number of washes before you need to re-do it. It really is worth it to avoid lost items of clothing not being returned.

PE and PE Kit

Children come to school in their PE kit on their class PE day. During the first week children will **not** need a PE kit and will be notified of their allocated day. There have been some quite interesting interpretations of PE kit this year and not all have been appropriate or compliant with our uniform policy.

All the items listed below can be bought from multiple stores at affordable prices, so please ensure that your child's PE kit complies with this list:





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PE Kit

Grove House PE kit is as follows:

- Plain dark coloured jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts – grey, dark blue or black.
- Plain T-shirt or School logo T-shirt – white, dark blue, grey, black
- School jumper or plain hoodie – grey, dark blue or black
- Trainers/school trainers – dark coloured (not football boots or studs.)
- NO** football/Rugby or any branded sports kits. This type of sports wear causes arguments and is not inclusive to families unable to buy high priced items.

From September, if children arrive at school with shoes that do not comply with our policy, or come to school on their PE day with the wrong kit, parents and carers will be called to bring appropriate clothing into school on that day.

Outdoor play

As you know we are engaging in OPAL. (<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>). We would like our children to be able to access the field all year round to be able to engage in active play.

To facilitate this we would like all children to have a pair of wellies in school at all times and ideally a waterproof raincoat. This will mean they can access outdoor play - even when the weather is not so good as we continue to work with Sport England to encourage active, healthy childhoods.

All the staff at Grove hope you have a safe and happy summer, and look forward to seeing you and your lovely smiles on **Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am.**

Many thanks,

Mrs Alexandre Summerscales
Headteacher

