



# Grove News

## October 2020



A message from Mrs Aldous, Mrs Ross,  
Ms Creed and Mrs Hough



Dear Families,

It has been an encouraging start to term with lots of very happy children enjoying being back at school. We have all risen to the challenge of increased handwashing, cleaning and keeping to our own bubble inside the school building and on the playground. We are continually reviewing our practices to ensure that we keep meeting the guidance from the DfE in terms of reducing the risks of COVID-19 in school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you for your overwhelming support this half-term. It has been a tricky time for everyone and we thank you for your support in achieving a successful start to the school year.

Please continue to help us by remembering:

- ☐ Only one parent should enter the school site to pick up your child/ren. This will reduce risks to other adults and children and ensure that pick up is less crowded.
- ☐ If your child is in KS2, please drop them off at the playground gate.
- ☐ To wear a mask on our site.
- ☐ Keep to a social distance between other families at drop off and pick up.
- ☐ Phone or email the School Office Team for general enquiries
- ☐ Only enter the School Office if you have a pre-arranged appointment.

We thank you for your continued support of the school.



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### No Outsiders

We have launched 'No Outsiders' this half-term. The children have engaged with this really important theme already through weekly assemblies and half-termly lessons linked to literature.

EYFS have read a range of books that celebrate different families. KSI looked at 'Elmer' and discussed what makes them special. LKS2 looked at the book 'Oliver' and thought of ways that they were different to others. UKS2 looked at the book 'The Whisperer' which promoted deep reflection and discussion around the topic of discrimination.

### Parking

We have had several complaints from residents and other concerned adults about inconsiderate parking around the local streets, including cars being parked over driveways, on kerbs and other illegal practices. Please can we ask you to park in a considerate manner to ensure that residents and our school community are kept safe.

### Parent Interviews

Thank you to all parents for your support with the online Parent Interviews this week. The staff really valued these conversations with you.

### Black History Month

As a school, in our 'No Outsiders' assemblies, we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have looked at Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks.

Several of our children have been inspired by this work and have produced home projects to share with their class.

### Google Classroom and Home Learning

We are setting homework via Google Classrooms. Feedback from this has been positive so far. This will reduce the amount of paper going between home and school.

Should your child need to self-isolate, work will be made available on Google Classroom as well as the other learning platforms such as MyMaths you have log in details for.

### Harvest Festival

We cannot thank you enough for the contributions that were made to our recent Harvest Festival collection. We were overwhelmed by your generosity.

### Facebook

Please continue to use the Facebook School site to see what your child is learning in class. We are continuing to update this regularly with photos and videos of learning in action!

### Family Support



Mrs Ball is our Family Support Advisor and is available to speak to parents/carers on a daily basis. She can provide advice on a range of different matters. If you need any help or advice, please contact her through the office.

### Contact Details and ParentMail

We send all means of communication through ParentMail; this includes parent evenings, trips, tournaments, general events within school, etc. If you are not registered, it means you are missing out on a lot of important information and not keeping up to date with life here at Grove. If you are having difficulties registering, please speak to a member of staff in the office and they will try their best to assist you. If you are unable to access ParentMail, please speak to a member of staff in the office and ask them to print you off a paper copy of any upcoming correspondence they send out. This is only available upon request, otherwise we assume you are receiving everything we send.



### PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.  
Please take home every Friday to be washed and ready to for school on Monday.

- Black shorts
- Red T Shirt
- Trainers/Plimsolls
- Sweatshirt/Jogging Bottoms (optional)

Please ensure all items are named.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure you have labelled your child's uniform. It is far easier to find the owners and return items quickly if they are labelled.

At times we have an extensive range of lost property which we cannot keep for more than a term.

### WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website.

The address is:

[www.groveprimaryschool.org](http://www.groveprimaryschool.org)

You can also follow us on Facebook by searching for Grove Primary School



### Arriving and leaving school

We are operating a staggered start. The school gates are unlocked at 8.30am. We ask that parents continue to follow the start of school routine: A-J arriving at 8.30am and K-Z at 8.45am. We also ask that parents continue to support the staggered exit from school: A-J leaving at 3.10pm and K-Z at 3.20pm. We thank you for your support and for wearing a mask on school site.

### School Uniform

We have a School Uniform Policy.

Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform: (No need to purchase uniform if you do not have the exact colour match but please purchase correct colours next time.)

- Red sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with the Grove logo)
- Black/Charcoal pinafore dress, trousers, shorts or skirt
- White shirt or blouse
- Black shoes
- In the summer, girls may wear red and white summer dresses.

For further information about school uniform requirements, please contact the school office.

Sweatshirts/Cardigans/Book Bags/PE Bags/Water Bottles are available from Screens