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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of this term on Friday 17.7.20 it is time to look back on what has been a very different year.

I think you have been amazing. I would like to thank you for your support over this year. When we started the school year last September I certainly didn't expect we would move to online teaching and live lessons for children. I am incredibly impressed by how well our children have adapted to the changes.

I am very much looking forward to all our children being in school in September. We have been very busy in school getting ready to welcome all our children on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

Your child's class teacher will be: Miss Thorpe

Many parents will want to know how we are keeping children safe in school. I've spoken to a number of parents and these are the main questions that parents are asking:

What can my child bring to school?

Please send your child with a water bottle each day.

If your child has a packed lunch please keep their packed lunch box clean.

Homework in the autumn term 2020 will be online to reduce children moving books between home and school, so no books bag or pencil cases.

What time will I drop my child at school and what time will I pick them up?

Our school gates will open at 8:30 and gates will close for registration at 8:50am for the autumn term 2020. Parents are asked to keep a social distance whilst dropping children at school. We want you to stay safe and well. Staff will be on the school gates to welcome your child/ children.

Each year group will have a staggered finish time during the autumn term 2020. This is to reduce congestion at the end of the school day. To help us please be on time to collect your child, it is really going to help your child's school day run smoothly.

Your child's end of day is at: 2:55pm

Your child will be dismissed at the end of the school day from: Dawson Road

Will my child be in school uniform?

Yes, we ask parents to keep the school uniform clean. On the day your child has PE they will be asked to come to school in their PE kit (black joggers, white t shirt).

Your child's PE day will be on a Thursday.

Temperature check

As staff and children arrive in school they walk by a temperature check. It simply shows if the child's temperature is within a normal range. If your child's temperature is above 100.4 F or 38 C we will let you know immediately.

How will the children move around school safely?

The children will play out as a year group. They will not be playing out or having lunch with other year groups. This will help to keep each year group safe. As children move around school we have simple routes around school to minimise the contact between classes. Children will move around school following appropriate social distancing.

We will be managing the planning time for staff differently in the autumn term during this Covid-19 period. Governors have approved that school will close on a Friday afternoon to allow for staff to have planning and preparation time and so reduce staff moving between year groups.

On a Friday your child will finish school at: 12:30pm

What if someone in my house has any Covid-19 symptoms?

If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have someone in your household who has symptoms, please follow government guidance. Follow the normal absence procedures and ring school on 0121 464 1032 to let the office know.

How is school reducing the risk of Covid-19?

We are following all of the latest government guidance which includes:

- Washing hands on arrival in school
- Washing hands before and after breaktime, snack time and lunchtime. We have plenty of soap, disposable paper towels and hand gel.
- We will be following good respiratory hygiene, that means reminding to the children when they cough/sneeze to 'catch it, bin it, kill it.' Using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, putting the tissue in the bin and washing their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Staff have been trained on social distancing and will be following the latest government advice on this.
- We have plenty of protective personal equipment in school if it is needed when a child is unwell.

How are you keeping the school clean?

We have put in additional cleaning during this Covid 19 period. The whole school has had a deep clean. We have employed additional cleaners during the school day who are cleaning touch points and toilets throughout the school day. This is in addition to all the before and after school cleaning that takes place.

What if my child is ill in the school day?

If your child is unwell you will be contacted by staff as normal. We have new first aid rooms in each building for children who are not feeling well.

If you have any questions please contact us by email on parent@grove.bham.sch.uk or telephone school on 0121 464 4669. I hope you have a good summer with your family.

Kind regards,

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