



Friday 22.1.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for your tremendous support over the past few weeks. What a lot has changed since the start of 2021.

Our children across the whole school have moved to online learning. Over the past three weeks staff have been working closely with children and their families to adapt the daily timetables. Thank you for your input into this, I appreciate the positive feedback we have had from parents. Each year group has now planned their timetables to allow the most children to engage with all the daily lessons.

A highlight of this week has been high attendance on online lessons. Staff are working tirelessly to actively engage all of your children in maths, reading, phonics or grammar lessons, in addition to PE, computing, music, topic and for key stage 2, French lessons.

I would also like to thank Mrs Basnett, Miss Rogers and Ms Galonis for their work in loaning computer devices to families. I know that this term over 130 families have benefited from these computer loans from Grove school. We are awaiting more devices being prepared for home use. If your child is struggling to access online learning please email Mrs Basnett at j.basnett@grove.bham.sch.uk.

We are open for critical worker children each day in school. If you are a critical worker and need a place for your child in school for all the week or some of the week please email Miss Dowell who is managing this provision in school. Miss Dowell's email is c.dowell@grove.bham.sch.uk

Thank you also for following the Covid-19 guidelines, staying at home and staying safe. The administrative team do ask if you have any queries please email them on enquiry@grove.bham.sch.uk

The NHS guidelines are:

Symptoms of coronavirus

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

- **Main symptoms**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "P. Matty".

P Matty
Headteacher

