



4 September 2020

Dear Grange Families,

RE: Full Re-opening of Grange

I hope that you and your children continue to be healthy and safe. We are excited about having our children back and look forward to welcoming them to school on Monday 7 September 2020. Over the last three days, we worked hard to make our school environment ready for our children, so when they return, they feel excited, comfortable and most importantly, **Safe**. To further help your child, visit our Twitter pages where you and your child would be able to see messages from their class teacher and their new classrooms.

We understand that children, parents and carers would have mixed feelings returning to school. And that is **OK!** We have already forwarded you a lot of information to help you overcome your worries and concerns and to give you as much confidence as possible upon return. We want to make sure that everyone feels as assured as possible that the school is safe for you and your child. We follow and apply all current guidance to make this happen. Here is some of the information we liaised with you recently.

Start and finish times, entrances and exits:

Time	Year Nursery through EYFS Gate	Year Reception through EYFS Gate (from 9/09/2020)	Years 1 and 2 through Main Gate	Years 3 and 4 through Main Gate	Years 5 and 6 through Main Gate
Start times	09:00 – 09:10 am	08:55- 09:05 am	09:00- 09:10 am	09:05- 09:15 am	08:55- 09:05am
Finish times	3:25 pm	3:20 pm	3:25 pm	3:30 pm	3:20 pm

We will review these arrangements in the first week, make any necessary adjustments and update you as soon as possible.

Parents, carers and visitors on the school site

To limit exposure, we have to make sure that we reduce the number of adults on the school premises. We ask that if your child comes to school accompanied, it is with only **one parent/carer, and we ask you to maintain social distancing outside the school**. We ask that children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are brought to their entrance then go into school alone. Since the lockdown, this has become a normal practice at Grange. Your child will be received at their designated entrance by staff and will be helped to their classrooms.

Parents and carers of children in the EYFS, we understand that you would be especially worried. Be assured that we will be applying safe and flexible arrangements where a child needs it. However, we would expect you to maintain social distancing and wear face covering to keep everyone safe.



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If you have a question or query that can be answered by telephone or email, please use those in the first instance. If you must come onto the school site to speak to staff in person, please let us know in advance and ensure that wear a face covering inside the building and maintain social distance at all times.

School Uniform

We are very excited to see your children wearing our **new school uniform**.

However, we are conscious that few of you may not have received the new school jumpers on time, therefore will allow a short grace period of a couple of weeks to help you with that. In the meantime, please ensure that your child wears a plain top instead. The remaining items must be as agreed with you, the children and our governors: plain white polo shirt/shirt, plain black trousers/skirt and black shoes or trainers. We have done everything possible to help you purchase the new school uniform, and hope that you managed to take advantage of the 50% discount. If you still need our support, do not hesitate to let us know.

Face coverings

You may have become aware that during the holidays, there was a further piece of additional guidance issued by the government that applies to primary schools, and it concerns adults using face coverings. The change in the guidance applies to **adults only**, so from Monday 7 September staff will wear face masks or transparent face shields indoors in situations where they cannot maintain social distance from other adults, for example **in corridors or staffrooms**. All adult visitors, including **parents and carers**, will need to **wear a face covering** if they enter any part of the school building. Face coverings do not need to be worn outdoors in the open air, and following the guidance, **staff will not teach lessons wearing face coverings**.

There is no change to the guidance on face coverings in school for children under the age of 12, which is that face coverings are not recommended to be worn. Therefore, **children will still not wear masks, face shields or any other PPE during the school day**.

I want to remind you here that primary-aged children are not expected to maintain social distance because they are too young, so other arrangements are put in place, such as **keeping children in consistent groups** and the **use of additional hand and respiratory hygiene measures**.

Extended Services

After School Club

Our After School Extended Services **will resume from Tuesday 8 September**. You have already received information on the control measures we are applying to ensure all children and adults are safe. Please refer to our webpage for cost information, or contact our office on 02077716121 for further details.

Breakfast Club

We will update you as soon as possible regarding a re-start date for our Breakfast Club Services.

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Reading Books/ Homework

As we resume new normal learning, we want to make sure that our children receive regular access to homework activities and reading books. The following arrangements will be in place with the start of the term:

Reading Books

We want our children to have to real books, therefore reading books will be given out and collected on specific days of the week. New reading books will be **given out on Mondays** only and **collected on Fridays** only. This arrangement will allow us to quarantine the books for 48 hours before using them again.

Homework

In the first half term, we will aim to set homework via our Learning Platforms:

Mathletics – Maths homework

Purple Maths – writing and foundation curriculum homework

Reading Eggs – spelling, phonics and reading homework

Teaching staff have access to your child assignments and will be regularly checking the completing of the homework, providing guidance if and when needed. Once the children are settled, we will also utilise an additional platform, called Microsoft Teams, to make the learning outside the school hours even more effective. We will provide you with further guidance in the next couple of weeks. We will keep these arrangements under review and update you with any changes regularly.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation, encouragement and ongoing support. It will be different, but **together we** will manage, so our children continue to grow and flourish with Grange.

I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing weekend with your children

Look forward to seeing you on Monday 7 September 2020

Yours sincerely

Mrs Diana Valcheva
Head Teacher

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