

Monday 2 November 2020

Dear parents

### **RE: Reminders to parents**

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I'm sure you would have heard the government's plans of another lockdown this week but schools will remain open as usual. I want to reassure you that we are continuing to do all we can to minimise the risk to the school community by following the advice from Public Health England. Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents of the following to ensure that we can reduce the risk of transmission in our school community:

#### **Drop off and pick up reminders**

- Please ensure children arrive on time.
- Only one adult per family should drop off.
- Socially distance at all times.
- It is strongly advisable to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up your child.
- Keep to the one way routes on the paths.
- Wait in the designated space when dropping off/picking up and ensure you keep off any paths.
- Please do not allow children to play on the fixed play equipment at the beginning and end of the day.
- Please ensure that children in different classes **do not mix** at the beginning and end of the day.

#### **Use of face coverings**

When PPE is used, it is essential that it is used properly. This includes scrupulous hand hygiene and following guidance on [how to put PPE on and take it off safely](#) in order to reduce self-contamination.

Face masks must:

- cover both nose and mouth
- not be allowed to dangle around the neck
- not be touched once put on, except when carefully removed before disposal
- be changed when they become moist or damaged
- be worn once and then discarded - hands must be cleaned after disposal

#### **COVID 19 Symptoms**

- Please ensure that your child (or anyone who drops off/picks up your child) does not come to school if they have any COVID 19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 10 days.
- If your child has symptoms they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and you should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Other members of your household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- If your child tests negative after having symptoms and they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and come back to school. Other members of your household can stop self-isolating.
- If your child tests positive, you should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and they must continue to self isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have any symptoms, other than a continuing cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. Other members of the household should continue to self isolate for the full 14 days.
- Please inform the school immediately if your child or household member tests positive for covid 19 by emailing the school office: [office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org)

#### **Updated guidance to parents**

Please [click here](#) to read the guidance on what parents need to know about schools in the autumn term.

It is very important that these reminders are strictly adhered to at all times to ensure everyone's safety. As always do please contact the school if you have any questions or would like any support.

With my very best wishes to you and your family

Kind regards

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