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Dear Parents/Carers

Returning to School in September – Primary

We are all really looking forward to returning to school in September and hope that the level of Covid-19 continues to fall to make this possible. We have worked hard in school to make school safe for the children who have been attending. Measures including increased cleaning of areas, a one way system, regular hand washing, social distancing, staggered lunch and breaktimes and the removal of extra furniture to create more space are just some of the measures we have taken to operate safely.

We review the measures daily based on current messages from Public Health England and Government. The Department for Education have recently released some guidance on the re-opening of schools in September. The Senior Leadership Team are currently working in consultation with Wade Deacon Trust to put all of these plans in place. It is likely that the school day will look and feel different in September but we will continue to offer a full curriculum for our pupils. We will write to inform you of the final details and ask for your patience whilst we work on this as a school.

School is due to reopen to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September. However, we will need to delay this by one day for Primary pupils and instead the arrangements will be as follows:

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2020 - All Primary pupils who left us in March for lockdown will return to The Grange Academy (unless they are transitioning to a new school).

Pupils will spend these 2 days with their **PREVIOUS** class teacher. During these days they will look back at their time during lockdown, celebrate and discuss their home learning, staff will assess pupils to see what they can now do and look for any gaps and then prepare pupils to transition to their new teacher. Endings and beginnings are so important. Many of our pupils did not get a chance to end their time with their teacher and friends and these two days will allow this gap to be closed for them.

Monday 7th September – All Primary pupils (including new Reception and Nursery pupils). Starting on Monday pupils will begin to work with their new teacher.

Classes next year are as follows:

5OI to 6G (Miss Graham) Spruce class
5P to 6M (Miss Maltz) Willow Class
4H to 5OI (Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Ireland) Hazel class
4B to 5P (Miss Parkinson) Cedar class
3W to 4H (Miss Hanrey) Pine class
3R to 4B (Mrs Burgess) Lime Class
2G to 3W (Miss Williams) Oak Class
2H to 3R (Mr Relph) Elm Class

There will be some movement in Reception and KS1 next year as 6 classes will become 5 due to having some very small year groups.

We will have 1 x Reception class, 1 x Reception/Year 1, 2 x Year 1/Year 2 and 1 x Year 2 classes.

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We have looked at age, ability, maturity and many other characteristics of each child to place them. We will regularly assess the groupings and will move children to support their progress. Our aim is for all children to access the curriculum to enable them to make the best progress possible. We are still currently working on these groupings and want to see what skills the pupils bring with them in September before we finalise the first split.

The 5 teachers are:

Mrs Whiteside (Reception) Yellow Class
Miss Weston (Reception/Year1) Green Class
Miss Hogan (Y1/Y2) Blue Class
Miss Hemsley (Y1/Y2) Indigo Class
Miss Gittins (Y2) Violet Class

Mrs Day will teach Nursery pupils as last year (N1/ N2) Red and Orange Classes

Miss Stockton and Mrs Nelson will be supporting staff and pupils and providing additional sessions to small groups.

We have named classes this year to link in with our Resource Bases that are called Rainbow (KS1) and Woodlands (KS2).

All staff have contributed to a PowerPoint presentation which will soon be available on the school website and via SMHW to introduce themselves to pupils. Please take a look with your child. All of our teachers are lovely and I am confident that whoever their class teacher is, your child will have a fantastic year.

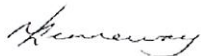
All pupils will need to return in full school uniform in September. Please remember shoes must be plain black and bobbles/bows small. Earrings will need to be removed (so please do not get ears pierced during the summer break). Every pupil will need a PE kit as all pupils will be accessing their 2 hours of PE a week (including Reception pupils).

Staff have completed end of year reports as usual and these will be sent home in September with pupils (or posted for any leavers) so that they can be discussed if required and to reduce the number of people coming to school during this period of reduced social contact.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children in September. We have re-organized the curriculum a little to allow us to maintain social distancing as much as possible and also to enable pupils ease back into school life quickly and easily.

We hope you all have a safe summer break and we will see you all in September. Please keep checking the school website for updates and changes to arrangements for September.

Yours faithfully



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