



Grange Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday! As we are heading into the first week of October, I want to start once again by thanking each and every one of you for following and being so supportive of our 'new normal' at school. Please make sure that you do wear a face covering on entry to the site and that you are entering through the correct gate each day and NOT slipping through! Each day we follow these rules, helps to keep our children and our community safe while on the school site.

Please do make sure you read these last few reminders and some news about the coming weeks in school. It is a long one, but it is highly important that you read all the information to keep up-to-date.

Parking on double yellow lines and pavements

Like the vast majority of parents and residents around the area, we find the small number of persistent, inconsiderate and dangerous parking at the start and at the end of the day, hugely concerning. The risks it brings to our children are considerable and if this continues, especially with the darker mornings and evenings that autumn brings, I fear it is only a matter of time before someone in our school community gets seriously hurt on their journey to school.

The school simply doesn't have the staff, or the authority, to police individual's driving and parking habits. We are therefore relying on the common sense of our parents to please, please, please, use the safe parking areas rather than illegally park on double yellow lines, pavements or in front of our residents drives, just to shave off 5 minutes extra walking time. The potential cost is just too high.

Flu Immunisation for Children

You have already received the invite to register your child for their flu vaccine. It is very important that children are immunised this year. The NHS say:

- The children's flu vaccine is safe and effective. It is offered every year as a nasal spray to children to help protect them against flu.
- Flu is caused by a virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to other serious problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Vaccinating children also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.
- To book your child's flu vaccine (which will be administered at school by a nurse) visit: <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/swindon>



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Timings

Please remember the times for each class for drop off and pick up. If you are going to be late, please make sure you have phoned the office to let us know. If another parent is picking up your child, again please let the school office know otherwise we cannot let your child go home with them for safeguarding reasons.

Ahlberg	8:30 am	Mon-Thur: 3:05 pm, Fri: 1:05 pm
Donaldson	8:20 am	Mon-Thur: 2:55 pm, Fri: 1:00 pm
Rosen	8:30 am	Mon-Thur: 3:05 pm, Fri: 1:05 pm
Year 1	8:25 am	Mon-Thur: 3:05 pm, Fri: 1:15 pm
Year 2	8:20 am	Mon-Thur: 3:00 pm, Fri: 1:10 pm

Please also make sure that if you are bringing bikes or scooters to school, children do not ride these on the school property. I have asked many children in recent weeks to stop riding on their bikes or scooters. This is to make sure that children do not have an accident or hit others while on their bikes/scooters. **This refers to ALL children from toddlers to those at the Junior school who are on our site. Please also remember that children should be lined up with you once on site and they should not be climbing on the play equipment.**

Please also remember that as soon as you have dropped off your child/ren or picked them up, you need to leave the school grounds. Please don't hang around to speak to other parents and remember to try to keep 2 metres away from others. Also please don't congregate outside the school gates as this hinders others from leaving.

I know some of you have asked for a bike shelter for the Year 1 children as they can no longer access the one at the front of the school. We have investigated this for you and we will hopefully have one fitted over the October half term.

Just a polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds unless they are a guide dog or one that is in training.



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Contact Details

If you change your details (phone numbers, address or email), please make sure you tell us in order for us to be able to contact you in an emergency. It would really be helpful if we had at least 2 contacts for your child/ren in case with cannot get hold of the primary contact.

Parent and Carer Consultations

To run these sessions in a COVID secure and safe way, we will be running our first parent/carer consultations virtually this term. This will be completed using digital video technology through teams. These will take place during the first week back after half term on the 3rd and 5th of November. We have completed these with our new reception cohort prior to them starting with us and they worked really successfully. This will be a brand-new technical experience for some of us, so please do bear with us and be patient if there are any teething problems. As always if we are aware of specific arrangements for families we will adjust accordingly. If you think we may not be aware of some recent changes to your family and require different calls, please do let the admin team know and we will offer separate calls. We will be in touch with more information on how to request days and times.

Lunches

With term 2 looming, we are pleased to be able to tell you that after half term we will be having a new catering company providing our school dinners. We will be making the move to Caterlink which the majority of WHF schools use. We have already been working closely with the regional managers at Caterlink in order to provide our children with a more varied lunchtime offer which will see the addition of a roast dinner, lasagne, sausage and mash and other items. This menu will be available for parents soon so you can book your child/ren's meal. Please do remember that all children in the school have universal free school meals and can order lunches for free.

Talking to staff

Please remember our safety rules and email admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk or phone the school on 01793 822357 if you wish to talk to members of staff. Our main reception is out of bounds for all parents unless they have prior arrangements. There is now a door bell on the office door to ring when you do arrive at the office for appointments. If you have a prior arrangement to enter the building, please use the door bell and wait outside until a member of staff greets you.

Thank you for your continued support and have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Rushen-Gough
Principal
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