



# Grange Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you have had a fabulous summer break with your children and that you and they are well rested. It was such a joy to see our Year 1 and 2 children back in school yesterday. We certainly hope they have had a fabulous 2 days; I know that the staff certainly have. We are super excited to have our reception children starting with us on Monday.

I just wanted to remind you of a few updates for the school year.

**Bubbles** - during the school day, children will no longer be in class bubbles and will be able to play with all children within their year group. We are keeping Year 1 and 2 breaktimes and lunchtimes separate just to limit the number of children on the playground at any one time.

**Uniform** - Thank you to you all for providing your child with the correct uniform for our active curriculum. Staff have active teaching training next week and following this, our active approach will be implemented in school. If you do have a query about what the children should wear, please see our school website: [Grange Infant School - School Uniforms \(grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk\)](http://www.grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk)

**Communication** - Please do try to continue to contact the school via email on [admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk) or phone on 01793 822357. The admin team will ensure that all messages are passed onto the most appropriate staff. The office is now open to parents, so you can alternatively pop in to speak to the office staff.

**Yearly planner** - to help you all know a long time in advance, the school will be producing a yearly planner for events that are happening in school for your child. This will come out towards the end of next week. The events are subject to change, but we will try to keep to the dates provided and will add any that may crop up over the year, with enough time in order for you to prepare for them.

**Fairy Tale day** - please remember that it is fairy tale day to activate our theme of Once Upon a Time for Year 1 and 2 on Monday. The children can come dressed up as a favourite character from a fairy tale on this day. I know I will be dressed as Little Red Riding Hood for the day. Year 1 will also have their trip to Stanton Park on this day.

**Parking** - we do encourage parents to walk, bike or scooter to school wherever possible (please don't ride these on the school premises). However, we also realise that this isn't



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always possible. Please remember to be considerate of the school's neighbours when parking. Please think, if it blocks anyone's drive or isn't safe, don't park there.

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## Track and Trace

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on 12 July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead on 19 July. One of the key changes that will take place from 19 July is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case - or in the case of children - the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

NHS Test and Trace already manages the contact tracing process for the rest of society - including children who have recorded a positive PCR test - and has expertise in supporting people to identify close contacts. Therefore, if we have a positive case in school, track and trace will contact those involved.

However, please do follow the steps below:

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate - and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate - and you should inform their education or childcare setting. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and

the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.

3. PCR tests can be booked online through the [NHS Test & Trace website](#) or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically, but you should also communicate the result to the education or childcare setting during term time.

#### Contact tracing

5. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.
6. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals - or their parents or guardians - who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

#### Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts



7. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a

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non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of that person developing symptoms (see point 1 above) or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test (see point 2 above). NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.

8. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days - and NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.
9. **From 16 August**, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take a PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts (see points 5 and 6 above).

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done for your child and for continuing to support the school moving forward into the new academic year.

Mrs Elly Rushen-Gough  
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