



# Grange Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it!! What a very successful start to the year we have had and a very enjoyable first term. I would like to thank you for all your support in everything that we have been doing to keep our community safe. I am aware that some of the changes are inconvenient, however, I believe that they have allowed us to keep the school as safe as possible for everyone entering the school site.

## Next Term

When we return in Term 2, please do make sure that you continue to keep your distance from other parents on the way to and from school and whilst waiting on the playground. Please follow the entry system for your child's year group and remember not to walk through the school site if you aren't dropping off another child. Please remember your masks as well. Now is not the time to become complacent.

## Home Learning

Thank you for all your responses to the recent survey about Home Learning during Lockdown. Your responses are helping us to enhance our plans for learning if we go into a lockdown or if bubbles have to isolate. Also, a message went out today regarding technology, please respond to the admin account if you do not have remote equipment at home. For those that are isolating until receiving a negative test, please let the office know so that we can email you your child's work to be completed at home so they don't miss out on any learning.

## Lunches

The new menu for Term 2 has now been published on ParentPay from our new caterers, Caterlink. Please log in and book for the first week back (and beyond if possible!). Deadline for booking a lunch for the first day back will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not booked by the deadline then you will be required to bring in a packed lunch. Please book until the end of term if you can.

Please remember that, as an Infant School, each child is Universal Free School Meals and therefore will receive free meals. Do take a look and discuss with your child if they would like to try the meals. We encourage all children to try them, as they are nutritionally balanced free of charge. It will also impact on the funding our school receives.

Please also remember, we are part of the fruit and veg scheme at school and each child will receive a free healthy snack of a piece of fruit or veg at break times.



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## Lunchtimes

We are changing the way we are running our lunchtimes at school, to give the children more focus and structure to this part of the day. This will also raise the profile of health and fitness within the school and offer additional time for the children to play competitive and team sports. Premier sports will be in 3 days a week over the lunchtime period to work with different bubbles (all of which follow our guidance for schools) to focus on team games with the children. These sessions will also be used as CPD for our members of staff so that they can then also replicate these games to give children focus and structure during the lunchtime. **These are outside sessions only so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless it is absolutely tipping down with rain, your child will be outside for this session! Due to this, we have had to change some of the PE slots. See below for your child's PE slot for next term.**

We are very happy to announce that our Year 1 children will be taking part in the 'Chance to Shine' program which will focus on cricket skills with our children. These sessions will take place on a Monday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hall AM	BUTTERWORTH POTTERS Chance to shine program - Cricket				ROWLING
Hall PM	JEFFERS Chance to shine program - Cricket	WALLIAMS	ALHBERG ROSEN	MORPURGO	
Golden Mile/ Skipping (Outside) AM	WALLIAMS	JEFFERS			
Golden Mile/ Skipping (Outside) PM			MORPURGO POTTERS	ROWLING BUTTERWORTH	
Bike ability (Outside)	AHLBERG, ROSEN, DONALDSON				
Lunchtime team games with Premier Sports – 12.00PM		WALLIAMS	MORPURGO	ROWLING	
Lunchtime team games with Premier Sports 12.30PM		JEFFERS	POTTERS	BUTTERWORTH	

## Breakfast Club

We are currently running our breakfast club for those who need support with morning childcare. If you are requiring this service, you can make this booking through ParentPay. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

We will be reviewing after school care after half term, however, we cannot open this until we can ensure that all costs are covered and that we don't mix our bubbles. If you would **definitely** use this service, please email our admin email address so we can ascertain whether this is a viable option for the school.



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## Absence from school

We still have children missing from school on a daily basis, without any notification as to why they aren't in. Any absences not reported to school will be recorded as unauthorised, which may result in a fine. The school is also obliged to report children that are absent without notification as missing in education to the local authority. It is the legal responsibility of all parents/ carers to ensure they bring their child to school, each day and on time.

If your child is unwell, please report this on our absence line, 01793 822357 or email the school [admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk), before 8.30am.

If your child is going to be late for school, please also report this before 8.30am. The office is now closed due to covid restrictions; therefore, you will need to call us to make arrangements. Please also remember that being late not only impacts on your child's learning but also that of others in their class, due to the interruptions once lessons have started.

If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, please ensure that you complete a form, in advance. Absences can only be authorised on an exceptional basis and again, may be subject to a fine.

## Building Work

We are having some building work completed over the half term. There will be some changes to the Reception area between our school building and Kids Create. The grass area between the two buildings is going to be tarmacked and the gates and fence moved. The fence will be brought up to the path area and gates moved to the top of the path. Those children in Donaldson and Rosen class, will then need to be dropped at the gate entrance. Once children are through the gate, parents will need to move away to make way for others. Timings will not change for these two classes so please come at your normal times.

Once the work is complete, the school and Kids Create will have separate areas to drop off into to avoid potential mixing. The new tarmac area will then be used as a bike area for our children, adding an extra area in our outside learning environment for our children. We will hopefully send out some photos for you to show your children of the new layout ready for their restart in term 2.

**Finally, again thank you for your support over the last term. We hope you all have a fabulous half term and we will look forward to seeing everyone back with us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.**

**Mrs Rushen-Gough  
Principal**