



4th September 2024

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to our wonderful school and I hope you have all had a great summer, having plenty of fun. As we start the term and the year ahead, I would like to remind you of a couple of things, as well as give you some dates for your diary.

As you know, I sent a letter to you last term detailing the new government guidance for absences from school. Attendance will be monitored closely, and we will **always** need an explanation for absence. Please call the office if your child is ill, and we may ask for medical proof of appointments. Attendance is vital for your child to succeed, and if you are having difficulties getting your child to school then please let us know. The criteria for fines and further action are much stricter now, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. We **must** follow guidelines which mean we have to issue certain letters for non-attendance. To avoid this, please ensure we know about absences and your child attends school consistently.

During the Summer term the amount of traffic we have outside the school reduces considerably. As we head towards Autumn and Winter and the weather gets worse, it is likely that traffic levels will increase again. The road outside the school is not ideal and there is very limited space for dropping off and turning. Can I please ask you to be patient when picking up or dropping off your child, as there is nothing we can do to improve this situation. Everyone is in the same position, so getting angry or driving recklessly will not help and will only be dangerous for the children. We had several near misses last year and it would be a nightmare if a child was to be hit by a car. So please drive carefully and with consideration for others.

Friday 25 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4 th November	INSET day, school closed
Tuesday 5 th November	School opens
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 6 th January	INSET day, school closed
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens

We have a very exciting year ahead of us here at Grove, and we will be having lots of events and trips so please look out for letters from your class teachers and also messages on Arbor. Feel free to ask them about anything you are unsure about in their new class.

Finally, a quick reminder that you can get your school uniform including PE kit from Ron Flowers, 28 Queen Street, WV1 3JW or online through Lads and Lassess website: <https://www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk/productcategory/primary-schools/grove-primary/>, the PE kit is available at 50% online only through Lads & Lassess.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child, or their education, please feel free to contact me at school. We are all looking forward to having your children return after their holiday and we can't wait to get our learning started again.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
Headteacher