

3rd September 2025

Dear parents/carers

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to school. I hope everyone took advantage of the lovely weather and you had a great summer. It is typical that our first day back is raining and dark, but it won't stop us having a brilliant first week back here at Grove.

As always, school life is incredibly busy and I have some changes to tell you about, as well as some reminders and dates for your diary.

Catering

We have changed the company that provides our catering to the children. You have already had an email from us about allergies, but if you have not returned the information to us (using the QR code) then you **must** do this as soon as possible please. If your child has an allergy and you haven't filled in the form, they will receive only a jacket potato for lunch. So please fill this form in online as soon as possible.

Attendance

Attendance will, as always, 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.

Some dates for your diary

Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd November	School opens
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 5 th January	INSET day, school closed
Tuesday 6 th January	School opens

Uniform

You can get your school uniform including PE kit from Ron Flowers, 28 Queen Street, WV1 3JW or online through Lads and Lasses, their website is

<https://www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk/productcategory/primary-schools/grove-primary/>

the PE kit is available at 50% online only through Lads & Lasses.

SATS

I am proud to tell you that last year we achieved the best results in the school's history, and we aim to build on that success this year. Our teachers work extremely hard to provide the best possible education for your child, but an important part of this success is having a good relationship with you as parents, and I am grateful for the support that you continue to give the school.

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.

However you can, as always, contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child or their education. It has been a privilege to be your Headteacher for the last two years and all the staff here are excited about the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



Philip Salisbury
Headteacher

