



Grove Academy
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back!

It was lovely to welcome back all of the children after the half term holiday. Once more, they have settled back into their daily school routines amazingly.

As lockdown restrictions are eased, I would ask that parents/carers still adhere to the safety measures which are in place – particularly ensuring 2 metre social distancing and wearing a face covering when dropping off and collecting children. I would like to reassure you that we regularly update our risk assessment ensuring that we are adhering to all of the latest government guidance and are doing everything possible to make our academy as safe as it can possibly be.

Please can I also remind parents/carers of the times of our school day as it is really important to ensure that your child is dropped off and collected on time in order that bubbles are not crossed. *Please ensure that if someone else is collecting your child, they know which gate to collect from, as there are 3 different collection gates at Grove Academy.*

Academy	Phase / year group	Start time	Finish Monday to Thursday	Finish time Friday
Infant (Northwood and Hamilton)	Nursery	8:40 am	2:40pm	2:40pm
	Reception	8:45 am	2:45pm	2:45pm
	Year 1	8:50 am	2:50pm	2:50pm
	Year 2	8:55 am	2:55pm	2:55pm
Junior (Grove)	Year 6	8:20 am	3:00 pm	12:30 pm
	Year 5	8:20 am	3:00 pm	12:30 pm
	Year 4	8:25 am	3:05 pm	12:35 pm
	Year 3	8:30 am	3:10 pm	12:40 pm

I am sure that you will have seen or heard of funding available to schools as a result of changes required following the unprecedented events of the last 12 months. I’m disappointed to share with you that these high levels of funding are mainly directed to secondary education and for private companies to deliver support to schools. Primary, infant/junior schools, including our own, are facing significant financial challenges due to reduced pupil premium funding, providing additional cleaning supplies/services, providing ICT equipment together with staffing costs.

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However, please be reassured that the safety and education of our children remains our priority and we continue to offer lots of exciting events during the summer term. Weather permitting, many of these will take place outdoors.

As always, thank you for your continued support, we will update you with any changes as they arise.

Regards,

Mrs S Carrigan
Academy Principal

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