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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well, and you have been able to enjoy some family time during the summer holiday.

I am writing to you with important details for returning to school from **Tuesday 7th September**, including the latest Covid-19 control measures in school. These control measures are based on the latest Government guidance since moving to Step 4 (Government Covid-19 Response).

As we return to school, it will remain our highest priority to keep the school environment as safe as possible. We will continue to promote good hand hygiene, increase ventilation and cleaning routines to minimise risk.

I hope to reassure you that we will continue to do our very best to keep everyone as safe as possible, whilst minimising disruption to the children's education, to ensure that they are settled and excited about their learning.

As always, we will remain focused on ensuring we support the children's mental health and well-being alongside our high aspirations and expectations for their academic progress and achievement.

Please see the **Frequently Asked Questions below** as well as important information about drop off and pick up. I hope this will answer any questions you may have about the arrangements for the autumn term, but if you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at headteacher@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Chris Parkhouse
Headteacher



September 2021 – Return to School – Frequently Asked Questions

What Covid-19 control measures will still be in place in September?

In accordance with Government guidance for schools from September 2021, the following measures will be in place to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19:

- Good hand hygiene will continue to be encouraged – pupils will wash hands using soap and water frequently, staff and visitors will use hand sanitiser throughout the day and wash hands using soap and water frequently.
- Ventilation - we will continue to keep school well ventilated as far as possible.
- Enhanced cleaning will continue - frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned twice a day.
- Measures may need to be re-introduced in the event of an outbreak or high local case rates and we have a full contingency plan for this.
- Suspected and positive cases of Covid-19 will continue to be managed – children, staff and visitors should not come to school if they have symptoms, until a negative test result is received and should isolate if they have tested positive. NHS Test and Trace will manage the identification of close contacts.
- Masks - The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

Will school still be operating bubbles in September?

Now that England is moving to Step 4, there is no longer a requirement to operate consistent bubbles in school although we will still be staggering lunch times and play times in September to reduce the numbers of children in the hall and dining hall eating lunch and playing out on the playground.

What happens if there is a positive Covid case?

The new Government guidance states that schools no longer have a responsibility for carrying out contact tracing. Where there is a positive case, NHS Test and Trace will be responsible for contact tracing. However, school should still be informed immediately if your child has tested positive and need to isolate.

Please note that the guidance now states that individuals are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons



When and where will my child enter school in the morning?

| Class | Drop Off |
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| Nursery (Mrs Bynoe) | 8:45am-9:00am/12:15pm-12:20pm Nursery Gate |
| Reception (Mrs Kendall) and Reception/Year1 class (Mrs Mingam) * | 8:40am- 8:50am Front school gate, nearest Skipton Road, into the Reception play area |
| Year1/Year 2 (Miss Barrett and Miss Voakes) | 8.40am -8.55am Back ginnel gate by Skipton Road onto the playground. Children will enter the building by the brown door near Bertie the Bus. |
| Year 3 and Year 4 (Miss Bonini, Mrs Smithson and Mr Morland) | 8.40am -8.55am Back ginnel gate by Skipton Road onto the playground. Children will enter the building via the steps to the second floor by Bertie the Bus. |
| Year 5 and Year 6 (Miss Atkinson, Mrs Robayna and Mr Harrison) | 8:40am - 8:55am Ashfield Road side gate to the playground. Children will enter the building by the white door. |

***Please see separate information (July 20) regarding phased start for new Reception children**

Parents/carers can bring children onto the playground but do not need to enter the school building. Staff will meet the children at the appropriate gate before they go in to school and help to ensure children go to the correct classrooms to meet their teacher.

When and where will my child leave school in the afternoon?

A one-way system to and from the playground will no longer be needed from September, however we still intend to stagger collection times and location slightly. This is important for safe collection and safeguarding.



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Parents/carers can come on to the playground in the afternoon to collect their child and will be guided to specific wait areas by staff. The gates to the playground will be open at 2.55pm.

| Class | Collection |
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| Nursery (Mrs Bynoe) | 11:30am-11:45am/3:00pm-3:15pm Nursery Gate |
| Reception (Mrs Kendall) and Reception/Year1 class (Mrs Mingam) * | 2.50pm-3.00pm Front school gate, nearest Skipton Road, from the Reception play area |
| Year1/Year 2 (Miss Barrett and Miss Voakes) | 2.50pm -3.00pm Children will leave the building by the brown door near Bertie the Bus. We ask that parents enter via the back ginnel gate by Skipton Road and wait by Bertie the Bus. |
| Year 3 and Year 4 (Miss Bonini, Mrs Smithson and Mr Morland) | 3.05pm-3.15pm Children will still line up under the shelter. We ask that parents enter via the back ginnel gate by Skipton Road and wait by the shelter. The one-way walking system will no longer continue but for safety, teachers will still need to see the collecting adult. |
| Year 5 and Year 6 (Miss Atkinson, Mrs Robayna and Mr Harrison) | 3.15pm Children will leave the building via the white door by the ball court. We ask that parents enter via the side gate on Ashfield Road and wait by the outdoor gym equipment. The one- way walking system will no longer continue but for safety, teachers will still need to see the collecting adult unless the child has permission to walk home. |

Can my child walk to and from school by themselves?

Year 5 and Year 6 children can walk to and from school providing a permission form has been completed. Rest assured that at the end of the day class teachers will supervise children until their parents/carers with multiple siblings at different pick-up points arrive.



If you would like your child to walk home at the end of the school day please complete the following form:

[Permission to walk home unaccompanied form](#)

Does my child need to wear uniform?

Yes, please send your child in their school uniform including suitable school shoes.

What are the arrangements at lunchtime?

| Year Group | Location | Time | Outdoor play |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nursery | Ground Floor Classroom Space | 11.30am -12.00pm | 12.00pm -12.15pm |
| Reception Year 1 and Year 2 | Ground Floor Hall | 11.45am -12.15pm | 12.15pm -12.45pm |
| Year 3 and Year 4 | Middle Floor Hall | 12.15pm -12.35pm | 12.35pm -1.00pm |
| Year 5 and Year 6 | Middle Floor Hall | 12.45pm -1.05pm | 1.05pm -1.35pm |

More details about menus and prices are on the school website – <https://www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-meals>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a portion of fruit or vegetables each day as their morning snack. You can provide an alternative healthy snack for your child if you prefer. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to bring their own healthy fruit or vegetable morning snack.

What about School Milk?

Milk is available daily for all children. It is free for under 5's and available for all children over 5 at a subsidised rate. Further information can be found on the school website -<https://www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-meals> or you can register directly with Cool Milk our provider at <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

What should children bring in to school?

Children should bring their book bag, reading record, water bottle and a coat to school. Children do not need to bring in a pencil case from home. We that ask parents/carers please ensure that everything brought to school is clearly labelled. This helps us return any items of lost property to your child.



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What about PE?

PE lessons will begin from the second week back. At the start of term, teachers will be in touch to inform you which day your child will have PE and Games sessions. Children should bring:

- A plain T-Shirt
- A pair of shorts (any colour) or plain dark coloured jogging bottoms
- Pair of plimsolls or trainers
- A named PE kit bag to keep the above safe

Will swimming lessons be taking place?

Yes, all KS2 will have swimming lessons this academic year and there will be a separate letter to you about this.

How do I book a place at Sammy's Den?

We do have spaces for parents/carers who need to use our school's breakfast and after school club which is called Sammy's Den.

Places at both breakfast club and after school club must be booked a minimum of 3 days in advance.

If your child has not attended either of the clubs before please contact Mrs Pitt via email business.manager@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk to confirm availability and book your space.

Once your child has attended a session, any further bookings can be made online using ParentMail.

Further information is available on the school website - <https://www.groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/sammy-s-den-bac>

Will other after school clubs and activities be running from September?

Clubs and after school activities will be up and running again from October. We will send out more information about the clubs that will be running at the start of term with information on how to book a place for your child.

Will school still be using Seesaw?

Yes, Seesaw is an important tool for home-school communication and to help parents to be more involved with the learning in the classroom. If your child needs to self-isolate, they will have a learning pack and be able to access the curriculum via Seesaw for remote learning. A reminder of login details, including all other online platform details will be sent home when the children return to school.