

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Dear Parents

Reminders for the Start of Term & Meet The Teacher Arrangements

I hope you are all having a fantastic summer! We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 to Year 6 back on **tomorrow, Wednesday 3 September**. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new nursery and reception children to school very soon.

Pencil Cases

As you know, children from Year 1 - Year 6 should bring in their own pencil case and stationery to school which many schools are requesting now. This enables children to take care and have a sense of responsibility for their own belongings. Please see the list with a link to Amazon to where you can order the items from:

- 1 x Clear pencil case (20cm X 12cm) e.g. [Clear Pencil Case](#)
- 1 x A glue stick e.g. [Pritt Glue Stick](#)
- 3 X HB pencils (Staedtler Noris/Yellow and Black HB) e.g. [HB Pencils](#)
- 1 x Purple pen (ball point) e.g. [Purple Pens](#)
- 3 x Whiteboard pen e.g. [Whiteboard Pens](#).
- 1 x Black handwriting pen (Y4-Y6 only) e.g. [Handwriting Pens](#)
- 1 x Sharpener e.g. [Pencil Sharpener](#)
- 1 x Rubber e.g. [Rubber](#)
- 6 x colouring pencils e.g. [colouring pencils](#)
- Box of tissues for the classroom e.g. [Tissues](#) (this doesn't need to be labelled as it's for the classroom)



Please ensure the pencil cases and items fit the above description and clearly labelled.

Meet the Teacher (Y1-Y6) - Monday 8 September - Thursday 11 September

We are pleased to be inviting parents to 'Meet The Teacher'. This will be held in the round hall with the whole year group team. The presentation will also include some time to join your children in the classroom to see what work they have been doing in the first days of their new year group. This is an

opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, the other staff in the year group as well as finding out about key information and dates for your child's class. Please see details below:

Year group	Date	Time	Arrangements
Y1	Thursday 11 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y2	Tuesday 9 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y3	Wednesday 10 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside at drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y4	Monday 8 September	2.15 - 3:20	Wait outside the round hall and the teachers will invite you in when they are set up
Y5	Tuesday 9 September	2.15 - 3.20	Wait outside the round hall and the teachers will invite you in when they are set up
Y6	Monday 8 September	9.00 - 10:00	Come into the classrooms via the Year 5&6 Hub.

PE Days

You will be advised which days your child should wear their PE kit to school during the meet the teacher presentation, but for the first & second week of term please ensure your child is wearing PE kit on these days:

Year Groups	PE Dates
Reception	Thursday 11 September
Year 1	Thursday 4, Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 September
Year 2	Thursday 4, Monday 8, Wednesday 10 September (Kingfisher & Puffin), Thursday 11 September (Woodpecker & Robin)
Year 3	Thursday 4, Monday 8, Thursday 11 September (Oak, Cedar & Willow), Friday 12 September (Ash)
Year 4	Thursday 4, Monday 8, Tuesday 9 September
Year 5	Wednesday 3, Wednesday 10, Friday 12 September

Year 6	Wednesday 3, Tuesday 9, Friday 12 September
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School Uniform

We believe uniform is important because it plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It also gives children a sense of pride in themselves and the school. It is a powerful tool in ensuring all children are included - not made to feel left out for the tracksuit or trainers they are wearing. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform in September. **This also includes children wearing the correct PE uniform (grey joggers and sweatshirt with a logo as well as plain black trainers) to school on their PE days.**

Attendance: Every School Day Counts!

At Grange Park we know that regular attendance is vital for our children to achieve their full potential at school. You will have received a letter in July that included attendance information and Penalty Notices. We want to remind you of some of our expectations around attendance to ensure we work together to support our children to excel. **Please encourage your child to continue to attend school every day and on time.**

If a child is absent from school, parents can expect that we will:

- Contact parents to determine the reason.
- Take necessary safeguarding action if appropriate.
- Identify whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.
- Assign the correct attendance code.
- Attendance is monitored daily by the Attendance Officer and regularly by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).
- If your child's attendance becomes a concern, you may be invited to an attendance clinic to discuss support strategies.
- Continued concerns, including 10% unauthorised absence, will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.
- If attendance remains a concern, we will reach out via email, phone call, or a meeting invitation.

How can parents help?

You can support us with securing excellent levels of attendance by:

- Not booking holidays in term time - written requests must go to the Headteacher before any travel arrangements are made.
- Not taking your child out of school unless in exceptional circumstances.

- Ensuring any medical appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible. This includes dentist and optician appointments.
- Always encouraging your child to attend school.
- Encouraging excellent punctuality and setting good routines, as persistent lateness will affect their attendance.

Your child's attendance will continue to be monitored as part of our whole school attendance monitoring process. Our school target for attendance is 97% which we hope to achieve this year.

GPPSA Picnic For Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents

I'm pleased to inform you that the GPPSA have organised a picnic on **Saturday 27 September** from **11am-2pm** on the school field. We hope to see lots of you there!

Bookings for Extend Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

If you would like to book a space at Extend Breakfast or Afterschool Club, you can do so through Arbor. If you're paying with tax-free childcare vouchers, please inform the office. Additionally, don't hesitate to contact the office if you encounter any issues with the booking process.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow, enjoy the last day of the summer holidays!

Best wishes

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher