

Wednesday 2 September 2026

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, Thursday 3 September**. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new nursery and reception children to school very soon.

Meet the Teacher (Y1-Y6) - Monday 7 September - Thursday 10 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 10 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside the classroom at drop off and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y2	Friday 11 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside the classroom at drop off and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y3	Wednesday 9 September	9.00 - 10:00	Wait outside the classroom drop off, and the teacher will invite you into the classroom.
Y4	Monday 7 September	2.15 - 3:20	Gates will open at 2:10. Wait outside the round hall and the teachers will invite you in when they are set up.
Y5	Tuesday 8 September	2.15 - 3.20	Gates will open at 2:10. Wait outside the round hall and the teachers will invite you in when they are set up.
Y6	Monday 7 September	9.00 - 10:00	Adults will let you into the Year 5&6 Hub from 9:00. You will be shown up the stairs to your child's classroom.

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	Friday 11 September
Year 1	Tuesday 8 September & Wednesday 9 September
Year 2	Tuesday 8 September & Thursday 10 September
Year 3	Thursday 10 September
Year 4	Monday 7 September & Tuesday 8 September
Year 5	Wednesday 9 September & Friday 11 September
Year 6	Tuesday 8 September & Friday 11 September

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.

As shared in our July News Roundup, we have simplified our uniform policy following government guidelines. To lower costs for families, we have limited required branded items to just three core tops (a single polo shirt for classroom/PE, a purple jumper/cardigan, and a grey PE top). For bottom wear, children can wear standard plain options, or optional official branded grey joggers for PE. Remember, children are also very welcome to wear out their existing uniform items before purchasing new ones!

Please ensure that your child arrives in the correct school uniform this September, including wearing the correct PE uniform on their designated PE days. [Click here](#) for the School uniform list.

Home-School Agreement

At Grange Park, we place great value on the strong partnership between our staff, pupils, and families. To ensure we continue working together effectively to support your child, we have shared our Home-School Agreement, which sets out our commitments across learning, digital safety, and behaviour. Built on our "partnership first" approach, the agreement outlines clear expectations for pupils, parents, and staff—including our Grange Park Way (Ready, Respectful, Safe), character traits, and guidelines for resolving any queries directly with class teachers through personal, open conversation. Please take time to review the document with your child so they feel confident in these shared expectations for the year ahead. Attached is the Home-School Agreement for your information.

1:1 Pupil Chromebooks & Digital Well-being

Our 1:1 pupil Chromebooks provide a valuable tool to enhance learning, but we need your help ensuring these devices are treated with care. Unfortunately, we are seeing a high number of damaged Chromebooks, which creates a significant financial burden on the school. Every parent signs a Parent Loan Agreement when a device is issued.

Please note the following important reminders and policy updates:

- **Care & Responsibility:** Please speak with your child about handling their Chromebook safely—always carrying it in its protective case, keeping liquids away, and treating it as a valuable piece of equipment.
- **Updated Replacement Costs:** If a Chromebook, charger, or case is lost, stolen, or accidentally damaged (whether inside or outside of school), parents agree to cover 50% of the current replacement cost for the device, or full replacement cost for lost chargers/cases.
- **Replacement Issuance:** Please be aware that if a device is damaged or an outstanding debt remains unpaid, a replacement Chromebook may not be issued, and home borrowing privileges may be paused.
- **Educational Use Only:** Chromebooks are provided strictly for educational purposes. Devices are monitored by the school, filtered by 'HomeProtect', and locked outside of learning hours (7:30am – 8:30pm).

Promoting a Balanced Digital Diet We are fully committed to healthy screen habits. Chromebooks are not used all day, every day in class—teachers intentionally blend digital learning with traditional, off-screen methods. We encourage families to support a Balanced Digital Diet at home by focusing on active learning, prioritising "offline" play and rest, keeping tech out of bedrooms before sleep, and ensuring good posture when working.

Please [click here to read the full Parent Loan Agreement](#).

Smartphone Policy

A quick reminder regarding the Enfield-wide smartphone policy: smartphones are strictly not permitted at school to help keep learning distraction-free and protect pupil well-being. If your older child walks independently and needs a phone for safety, please ensure they bring a basic "brick phone" (call/text only). These must be switched off at the school gates and handed to the class teacher upon arrival for safe storage during the day.

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 eg. [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.

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. Families who were with us during the last academic year will have received an annual letter in July regarding attendance information and Penalty Notices. For our new Nursery and Reception families who were not with us last year, you will be receiving this attendance letter shortly. We are required to send the letter out annually to all our parents. 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 26 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. [Click here](#) for the Terms and Conditions for Extend.

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

Best wishes

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher