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**We aim to SPARKLE!**

Dear Parents /Carers

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Please continue to keep your social distance (Space), cover your face(Face) where requested and follow good hygiene practice (Hands).

**YOUR CHILD MUST STAND WITH YOU AT A MINIMUM OF 1M FROM ANOTHER FAMILY PLEASE. This is to keep you all safe as the number of virus cases continues to rise in Northumberland. Please be patient and think of others .THANKYOU**

**Year 5 applications now open**

Please use the following link to apply for your child's place at their next school - <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

DEADLINE 31<sup>st</sup> Oct for your child place!

**School Lottery**

New fund raising initiative from the Friends of Grange View to support the school with their usual fund raising. They have signed up to the 'School Lottery' - [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk). [Please support us if you can with some great prizes up for grabs!](#)

**Parent consultations**

Teachers will be in touch this week to offer phone call consultation appointments for all families for the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> October. These appointments are only **10 minutes maximum** each to discuss your child setting in to their new classes, successes and any other concerns you may have or not on an individual basis.

**Inclement weather**

During these cold and rainy mornings the school drop off and pick up times remain the same as part of our COVID safeguarding procedures. So we encourage you to arrive on time at your allocated gate.

If you arrive early you may get wet and cold! Children will be escorted into school as usual by the class teacher, so please don't try to come into school early .

In the case of school closure due to severe weather please always check school website, Face Book page, Northumberland County Council Website and listen to Radio Newcastle. The school will also use the Text2Parents Messaging Service.

**Lateness**

Mornings- Wait at the gate, call the office and a member of staff will collect your child when they are able to after sorting the rest of the class.

Afternoons- Please be prompt and on time as this can have a knock on effect to other classes that are dismissed at a later time. Staff need to be keep to their timings and have lots of checks and priorities to do back in their classrooms during these difficult times.

**CONGREGATING OUTSIDE GATES**



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England



Parents are again asked not to arrive at school for drop off and pick up before their allocated slot as this leads to people needing to stop and wait, making social distancing more challenging. Another concern is that parents are congregating outside the school gates before and after school. We are working hard to manage social distancing in school but this should also be continued out of school. Thanks for your support.

### Dates for the diary:

Mon 28th Sept- Walk to School Week begins/ British Food fortnight begins

Fri 2nd Oct- Flu Immunisation day- whole school Reception to Year 4. DEADLINE FOR REPLIES Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Fri 9th Oct- Harvest service in classrooms – food parcel donations to school- one tinned item only

Mon 12th Oct- Mental health week

Tues 20th Oct- Tempest Individual School Photos

**Friday 23rd Oct- Half term- SCHOOL CLOSED – children and staff all need a rest.**

Monday 2nd Nov- NO TT Day- error on last weeks letter.

Monday 2nd Nov - School reopens

### Jewellery

Please ensure all earrings are removed or taped up as staff cannot remove or cover them for any child. If this does not happen your child may miss their PE lesson.

### PE- clothing

On your child's PE day we ask you send them in school PE T-shirt with school sweatshirt and any dark sports bottoms with trainers. This supports with no changing during the day.

PE Days:

Oak- Thursday pm

Elm- Friday pm

Beech- Friday pm

Chestnut- Monday and Wed pm

Willow- Monday and Wed pm

On a normal day please send your child in school uniform with all black shoes or trainers as the new guidance states - Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

### ATTENDANCE

**The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning.**

We will be continuing to monitor our classes' attendance every week and individual class percentages will be published here each week. It is vital that children attend school every day possible to ensure that they are able to start catching up on learning that they may have missed during the school closure and holidays.

Children should not attend school if they are showing any Covid symptoms or if they are required to self-isolate as a result of being in contact with anyone who is showing symptoms.

**Can my child go to school if they have a cold?** The NHS advises that if a child has mild cold-like symptoms they should continue to go to school. Sore throats and blocked or runny noses are not symptoms of Coronavirus. We have routines in place should a child in school show symptoms of Coronavirus and will isolate the child and contact parents to collect them immediately, self-isolate and book a test.

**This week's attendance:**

**TO BE CONFIRMED NEXT WEEK**  
**Our new school target which is now 97%**

**NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.** Please remember your child has missed months of schooling this year and the staff are working hard to get every child up to speed.

We have Education Welfare Officer working with us this year who will be monitoring attendance very closely; especially any families who take holidays in term-time.

## **Hands, Face, Space campaign**

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign is urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. Consistent adoption of these behaviours is particularly important in places outside of educational settings which do not implement the wider protective measures in the system of controls set out in our detailed guidance.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Schools and other education settings must ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

Responding to those with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms

It is vital that educational settings only ask children or staff to self-isolate and recommend they get a test if they develop symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those sent home to self-isolate, having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, should only get tested if they develop symptoms themselves. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. The capacity of the NHS Test and Trace system must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus. Booking is essential for drive in and walk in test sites, and under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Risk Assessment (a copy of which is on the school website)**

## **Worship**

**This week's Friday worship is on our website, please watch it to find out who has 'Sparkled' this week in school. Thank you.**

## **NURSERY**

If you have a child or know a family where a child is turning 3 before December 31<sup>st</sup> please get an application for a place in our Nursery as spaces are limited from January.

Any parents who are not entitled to the free extra 15 hours childcare can now pay for extra regular sessions per week. The charge is £12 per afternoon session. Please call the office if you would like to use this provision.

## **Breakfast Club- POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER HALF TERM**

Breakfast club - £2 per session with limited places due to COVID restrictions. Please let the office know ASAP if you need a place and places must be booked and paid for a week in advance or the place will be allocated to another child on our waiting list. Thank you.

## **SIMS Online payments**

Our new online payment system for any services in school is now active. You should have received an activation code via email. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at [admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk)

Thank you once again for your support and patience during this different way of school life.

**We continue to follow the government message: BY STAYING ALERT – AND FOLLOWING THE RULES- WE CAN CONTROL THE VIRUS**

Louise Laskey – Headteacher  
Headteacher

### **Safe to Learn section**

This is a section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of. Mrs Pat Treanor is our Chair of governors and safeguarding governor,

Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

### **OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION**

The original initiative was aimed at supporting children who are affected by domestic abuse. The next part of the project will help all children to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely. Our Safeguarding liaison officer Karen Kirkbride will be in school this term delivering these workshops.

**Operation Endeavour**- This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour commenced in November 2018, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

### **Onecall**

Onecall is the number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable to keep safe and well 24-7.

**Telephone- 01670 536400**