

The Grove Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the Grove we have been working hard to build connections with local community projects to enable us to offer support to our children their families. We wanted to share some of the exciting services we are now able to offer.

We can now issue emergency **Food Bank Vouchers** to families who find themselves in financial crisis. Please be assured that should you require a voucher this will be treated in confidence on a need to know basis. Most weeks we are also able to offer 'best before' foods gifted by local supermarkets. Please make us aware if this is something that would benefit your family and we can add your name to our rotating list.

We have a **clothes bank** in school and are able to provide clothes for children of all ages. We welcome donations of washed, undamaged clothes and good condition shoes/trainers.

The PTFA also hold a stock of second hand uniform which can be purchased very reasonably.

We are the local **COATS FOR KIDS** drop off and collection point. COATS FOR KIDS is an initiative to support local families whereby they can obtain a clean, secondhand coat for their child for FREE! We already have a good stock in school however welcome any further donations. If you require a coat for your child, please speak to a member of staff. This is not only for families from the Grove so please spread the word.

Our **weekly Monday coffee morning** will be continuing after half term. It runs between school drop off and 10.15. Parents and younger children are welcome. This is FREE!

Beginning on Wednesday 26th February 2020 we will be hosting a **weekly yoga class at school for parents**. Sessions will run between 9.15 and 10 am in the main school hall, please head to the front office after drop off. Younger siblings are welcome. These sessions are FREE!

Some of our key stage 2 children have been working very hard afterschool with the resident artists from Kettles Yard. Some of their work is being exhibited at the 'MEETING GROUND' which is being held at the Nuns Way Pavilion over half term. Further details can be found at kettlesyard.co.uk/meeting-ground. Entrance is FREE and they will be offering refreshments and activities daily to the local community.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above or you have any suggestions of additional support you would like our school to be able to offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Safeguarding and Family Liaison Officer



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