

Dear parents and carers,

Sadly, I don't think we were surprised to hear from Mr Johnson that, as a country, we were to remain in Step 3. This means that we will continue working as we have been until the end of the term – even if he brings us out of the current restrictions on the 19th July, for simplicity nothing will change. We are very disappointed that we cannot open up further but we must play our part to keep infection rates low as the Delta variant continues to increase in our community. This does mean that we will not be able to invite you to join us for Sports' Day and our end of year Celebration Awards Ceremony. We will endeavour to share these events with you in any way we can – please watch out for further information.

We have also been asked to remind you that, as parents, that you can access the Lateral Flow Tests which you can do twice weekly to check that you are not carrying the virus asymptomatically. As a staff we are taking part in this project, including throughout our holidays. Children under the age of 11 should not be given a Lateral Flow Test to be used. Should any of us have symptoms of Covid 19 then we must book a PCR test at a test centre as this test is far more refined. Although the news have reported new symptoms, the three main ones remain and are the ones to look out for:

- 1) High temperature
- 2) New, consistent cough
- 3) Loss of taste and/or smell.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their views around the COVID gains and losses. It has been so interesting to read your thoughts. Of course, there are differing views on the same issue – as we found within our staff team.

That leads me on to September and, as Headteachers, we are still none the wiser about what September will look like. I am going to have two plans ready — one very similar to our current way of working and one which incorporates all of our thoughts on the COVID gains and losses. I will communicate more about September towards the end of this term although we may find, like last year, that I have to make decisions later in the summer holidays depending on the Government and their own timelines.

Stay safe.



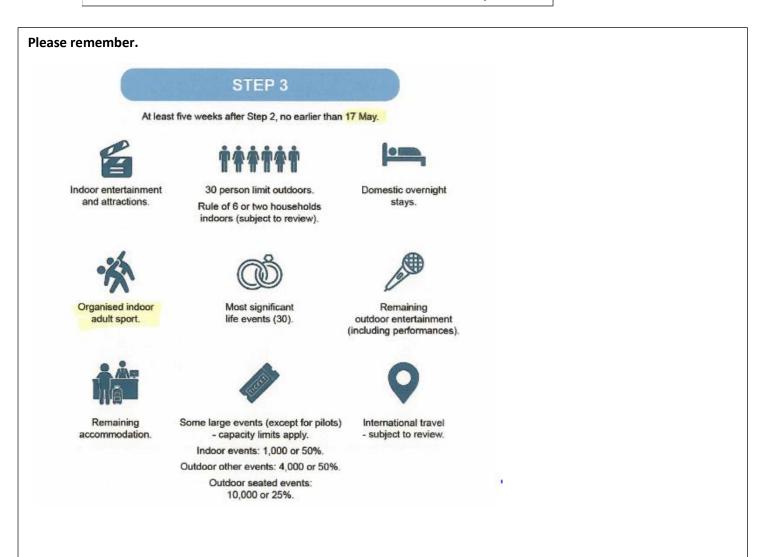
Arrival and Collection times

Please stick to the allocated times so we can keep ourselves safe.

| Bubble | Arrival (all days) | Leaving (all days) | |
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| Y5/6 | 8.45 | 3.10 – 3.15 | |
| Y4 | | | |
| Y3 | 8.55 | 3.05 – 3.10 | |
| Y2 | | 2.55 – 3.05 | |
| Y1 | 9.05 | 2.45 – 2.55 | |
| YR/1 | | | |
| Aviary | As per year | As per year groups | |

Please note – the doors will be closed at 9.10. After that, please sign your child in at the office as our registers close at that time.

Children in Year 5 and 6 must not arrive at school before 8.40 am please.





Dates for your diaries

| Date | Time | Activity |
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| Friday 9 th July | TBC | Sports' Day (arrangements TBC) |
| Monday 11 th July | - | Children's reports sent home to parents and carers |
| Thursday 14 th July | During school day | Children and new class teachers meet (on the school |
| | | field for 30-45 minutes) |
| Friday 16 th July | 9:30 | Year 5/6 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony |
| Monday 19 th July | 9:30 | Year 2 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony |
| Monday 19 th July | 14:00 | Reception and Year 1 End of Year Celebration Awards |
| | | Ceremony |
| Tuesday 20 th July | 9:30 | Year 3 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony |
| Tuesday 20 th July | 9:30 | Aviary End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony |
| Wednesday 21st July | 9:30 | Year 4 End of Year Celebration Awards Ceremony |
| Thursday 22 nd July | 9:30 | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Thursday 22 nd July | 14:00 | School closes for the summer break |
| Thursday 22 nd July | 16:00 | The Orchard closes for the summer break |

Dates for September 2021

| Date | Activity |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday 1 st September | INSET Day |
| Thursday 2 nd September | All children return to school. |

Performance Poetry

Earlier this week, children from The Grove joined with other schools across CB4 for poetry workshops (via Zoom) with two published poets, Nick Toczek and Chris White. We have attached details about these poets and their work for your information.

During this session, the poets performed their poems and provided ideas and inspiration to the children and their teachers for their own poetry writing. They are now hard at work writing, memorising, and performing their own poems to share. These performances will be recorded so that the children will be able to see what other classes have produced. We also hope to share a selection with parents via the school website/Facebook group. Watch this space!



Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

A group of support staff here at The Grove are going to trial running a healthy Tuck Shop for children in years 3 – 6. Initially the Tuck Shop will be open on a Tuesday and Thursday at morning break time, beginning from next week.

All snacks will cost 20p each. Please can you send your child in with 20p as we will not be able to give change. Children may choose one item each.

School Backpacks

We are adding school backpacks to our uniform range. They will be bottle green with the school logo on. They may be ordered vis SIMSPay, along with our other uniform. Initially we are asking parents to preorder for items to be delivered in September. For more information, please see the letter sent out separately about this.





Friday 18th June

Rosettes this week have will be presented on Monday to:

Kestrel: Tyler, Filip

Eagle: Alícia, Taomí

Kingfisher: Ellie, Adria

Woodpecker: Kyra, Hallie-Lynn

Kíwí: Jayne, Ernests

Ostrich: Sienna, Julia

Flamingo: Anastasía, Delilah

Wren: Kylan, Donny

Gosling: Mustafa C, Daniel

Duckling: Michael, Tommy

The Aviary: Jake



