



The Grove Junior School

New Parents Meeting

Year 3 2024

The Senior Leadership Team



Miss Bunce
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Begum
Assistant Head for
Inclusion
(Maternity Leave)



Mrs Boniface
SENCo
(Interim Senco)

The Year Three Teaching Team



Mrs Hemming- Nash
Apple Class
Mondays - Wednesday



Miss Bedford
Apple Class
Thursday - Friday



Mrs Clarke
Cherry Class



Mrs Harrison
Lilac Class
(Phase Leader)

The Year Three Teaching Assistant Team



Mrs Sharma



Mrs Thomas



Mrs Howard



Mrs Norton



Mrs Senior



Mrs Davies

School Office Team



Mr Cardy
Caretaker



Mrs Foddering
Admin Assistant



Mrs Ryan
Admin Assistant



Mrs Butler
Office manager

Other members of staff



Mrs Harrison
Pupil Premium
Champion
(Senior Management)



Miss Vettese
Pastoral and Pupil
Wellbeing TA



Mr Kinnersley
PE Coach



Mr Nunes
PE Coach

Daily Routines



- School starts at 8:50 - classroom doors open from 8:40
- Break is at 10:30 – snack time
- Lunchtime is from 12:15-1:15
- End of the school day is 3:15



School Uniform



Stevensons

<https://www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches/harpenden>

Beats

<https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/beat-school-uniforms-harpenden/>

You don't need to buy any new uniform but can out grow your current uniform.

It doesn't have to be Grove logo items. Only the PE top is required.

Children to come to school in PE kit on PE days – Wednesday for all plus one other day.



School Dinners



All junior aged children are charged
for their school lunches – you are free
school dinners

All lunches need to pre ordered and
pre paid using School gateway

Pupil Well Being and Mental health



We support children with their well-being and mental health. This allows children to be able to access their learning and in turn progress and develop.

In the Juniors, we pride ourselves on making pupil well-being a priority and dedicate time within the school day for children to be able to access support.



- Miss Vettese works Tuesday – Friday
- Train our Year 5 Mental health Champions
- Structured therapeutic interventions such as Drawing and Talking Therapy, breathing and grounding techniques.
- 1:1 or group sessions.
- Works with families too

Pupil Premium Grant



What are the benefits for our school?

School receives additional funding based on the number of pupils registered as FSM. This contributes to staff training, additional staffing and various support packages and is nationally known as Pupil Premium Funding.

What if my child doesn't want others to know?

Other pupils will not know which families are being supported or which children are eligible. Staff will of course be sensitive and provide anonymity for pupils.



Attendance



Attendance Ladder



We aim:

- ✓ For a supportive approach, working as a team;
- ✓ To safeguard your child's education entitlement;
- ✓ To report termly on your child's attendance;
- ✓ To acknowledge excellent attendance;
- ✓ To be approachable and proactive in helping families with attendance.

Attendance



Authorised and unauthorised absences explained: Please refer to the school's attendance policy which can be found on our website under 'Statutory Information' for more information. It is important to note that both an authorised and unauthorised absence will reduce your child's attendance percentage.

Key message: Please take your family holidays during the school holidays. These will not be agreed by the school if during term time and will always affect your child's attendance.



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Attendance Policy

Date adopted by the Governing Body: July 2022

Date for review: July 2024

Headteacher: Lorna Urquhart

Co-Chair of Governors: Thomas Parrott & Sarbjit Sahota

Held by: School Improvement Committee

Attendance



A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024, and we wanted to bring this to your attention now, as it will affect when penalty notices are issued in Hertfordshire.

What are the changes?

1. There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.
2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without a penalty notice being issued.
3. There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling

Behaviour



The Grove Junior School Behaviour Code



Respect – Respect ourselves, each other and our environment

Responsibility – Taking responsibility for our actions

Resilience – To learn from our mistakes and always try our best, even when we find things difficult

Positive Consequences

If you chose to demonstrate positive and prosocial behaviours, you may:

- o Be given verbal praise for your actions
- o Receive a Headteacher's award
- o Be awarded house points
- o Be invited to a termly house treat
- o Be awarded raffle tickets
- o Win the cooks' award for manners
- o Your parents/carers may be informed

Behaviour

Consequence

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- If you choose to:
- o Talk when you should be listening, working or silent
 - o Call out or make silly noises
 - o Distract others from their learning
 - o Wander around the classroom without reason/permission
 - o Disrupt an assembly
 - o Deliberately drop litter or food on the floor
 - o Push in a line
 - o Be in the school without permission

- o You can expect a reminder about your behaviour.
- o You may be given a task to make up for lost learning time.

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- If you choose to:
- o Continue any stage 1 behaviour
 - o Damage property/waste school resources
 - o Be rude to anyone
 - o Use equipment in a dangerous way
 - o Refuse to follow instructions or ignore any adult
 - o Refuse to attempt a piece of work

- o You can expect us to speak to you about your behaviour.
- o You may have time out to reflect on your behaviour.
- o You will be asked to reflect on your behaviour.
- o You may be asked to do a task to make up on lost learning time
- o Your class teacher will be informed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Take property that does not belong to you or hide other people's property o Prod and poke/invade personal space o Rough play, play fighting, pushing or shoving o Swearing o Use inappropriate language deemed unacceptable o Speak aggressively or in an appropriate manner o Fail to take responsibility for your actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Your teacher may speak to a parent/carer about this.
S T A G E	<p>If you choose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Repeat behaviours following a stage 2 o Fight o Steal o Deliberately use offensive language or swear o Spit at someone o Use discriminatory language o Physically hurt someone deliberately o Argue rudely or aggressively with any adult o Deliberately damage property o Being untruthful o Refuse to follow an agreed resolution o Behave in a way that is dangerous to others or yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o You can expect us to speak to your parents/carers about your behaviour and it will be recorded in a school behaviour file. o You will be asked to reflect on your behaviour in discussion with a member of SLT and complete a reflection task. o You will lose a lunchtime. o You may face a suspension.
S T A G E	<p>If you choose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Repeat stage 3 behaviours o Deliberately hurt someone seriously o Cause serious, deliberate damage to property o Behave in a way that is exceptionally dangerous to your others or yourself o Bully a peer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o You can expect to spend time with a member of SLT. o Your parents and carers will be contacted. o You may be given a suspension. o You may be excluded from school during lunchtimes. o You may be put on report for a fixed period of time until your behaviour improves.

After School Activities



We can offer a wide range of afterschool activities for the children but further information will come out in September – parents sign up using a google form.

We can also support you in offer music tuition through Katie Metcalfe music school.

Sporting Activities



- As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive)
- We enter competitions through the School Games Programme and the Harpenden District Sports Association (HDSA).
- The competitions are broken down into three categories:
 1. Compete – Competitions for the engaged and active students and aimed at the strongest players.
 2. Aspire and Develop events – Learning and developing new skills through participation in festivals, friendly competitions and personal challenges
 3. Inspire and Engage – Participation and fun with a focus on trying new activities and skills.

Yearly Events



- Parent Consultations – November and March with a final written report in July.
- Open Classrooms – pop in and see the children’s work – throughout the year.
- Year 3 Christmas Production – December
- Year 4 Spring Performance – March
- Year 5 Grovefest – July
- Year 6 Production - July
- Coffee Mornings – welcome in September and throughout the year – some SEND specific
- Various school trips and visits throughout the year – Celtic Harmony, Egyptian day.