



Welcome Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 3rd - Friday 7th September

WELCOME: It is with much pride that I sit and write our first newsletter for The Grove. After so long being in pre-opening, we are so thrilled to be able to open our doors officially as The Grove. I would like to extend our thanks to our established parents and families who have waited so patiently for this to happen and to all our new parents and families for joining us at this special time.

As you know, we plan to stay on a split temporary site, based at Heartlands and St Mary's for the duration of this year. This is whilst work is completed on our new site, which, is scheduled to be completed around August 2019. Work on site is due to start on 9th September. I will keep you updated about progress and development through the year.



COMMUNICATION: We want all parents, carers and families to feel valued and supported and we will endeavour to keep communication

channels as open as possible. Previous questionnaires to families has told us that communication via newsletters and letters is not always the most effective. Therefore we will be looking to launching a school app called **MyChildAtSchool** which can be used to send information about school and your child's progress straight to your smartphone.

We have an open door policy at school. If you wish to discuss anything with us about your child, please contact either of the school offices and we can arrange a time to meet you.

Contact Details

- The Grove @ HHS, Station Road, London N22 7ST, Tel: 020 8826 1230
- The Grove @ St Mary's, Rectory Gardens, London N8 7QN, Tel: 020 8340 4898

Family support Many of you will have already met with Nadine Huseyin, our pastoral lead and family support manager. Her role is to support families and pupils in the school with any concerns or issues that are affecting your child's progress. This may be difficulties you or your child are experiencing in or outside of school, either way, we are here to offer advice, help and support. You can contact Mrs Huseyin on nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

Website You can access the school website for information about our provision and services. There is useful information under the FAMILIES tab and you can also see a calendar of events under the NEWS and EVENTS tab. <http://www.thegroveschool.co.uk/>

Twitter Follow us on Twitter for updates and news and events happening at school [@thegroveschool_](https://twitter.com/thegroveschool)

Newsletters We will be sending out 1 newsletter each half term which will aim to inform you about events and achievements at school that half term and look ahead to up and coming events and items in the next half term. We hope to be able to launch these within our new app by the new year.

Home/School Diaries Each pupil will have a home/school diary. This is for two way communication between home and school. Staff will write in them each day to give you an outline of your child's day at school. We ask you to comment or use the book too in order to let us know of anything significant that would be important for us to know. It is really useful for us to know things such as your child missed breakfast, your child didn't sleep well the night before, there has been changes in family circumstances and so on. Each little thing has such a significant impact on your child that it is good for us to know. If you feel that information is too sensitive to write in the diary, please just give us a ring or email us.

Emails If you wish to contact your child's class teacher via email, you can email them using their first name and surname followed by @thegroveschool.co.uk For example nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

UNIFORM: Uniform has arrived in school and is ready for distribution. For existing families we ask that you return your child's grey Heartlands uniform, clean and laundered and we will replace it with The Grove blazer and jumper. New pupils will be issued with their uniforms and we will contact you shortly with a cost for your purchase.

For existing families, if you wish to purchase more uniform, please let your child's class teacher know and we can arrange that.

The Grove Secondary uniform:

- Black Trousers or Skirt
- White Shirt or Blouse
- The Grove Navy Jumper
- The Grove Navy Blazer
- The Grove Tie.



The Grove Primary uniform:

- Black Trousers or Skirt
- White polo T-Shirt
- The Grove Navy Sweatshirt
- The Grove Navy Fleece (Optional)
- There will be a Grove school bag available to purchase in the new academic year.

CLASS TEAMS:

- **Gold Class (KS2)** :Ms Willis, Ms Chowdhury, Ms Everett, Ms Nichols
- **Blue Class (KS1&2)** Ms Nordkvist, Ms Stone, Ms Eleni
- **Saturn Class (KS3)** Mr Cid, Ms Hunte, Ms Rogers, Ms Dobrinka
- **Jupiter Class (KS3)** Ms Liverani, Mr Adu, Ms Ivan
- **Mars Class (KS3 & 4)** Ms Galdes, Ms Macfarlane, Ms Lloyd, Ms O'Hare, Mr Crighton
- **Venus Class (KS4)** Ms Elton, Ms DeMiguel, Mr Shallow
- **Post 16 (KS5)** Ms King, Ms Raiza, Mr Dunwell



ANNUAL REVIEWS: You will be shortly receiving the date for your child's annual review. Please make a note of this date as it is extremely important that you attend this meeting. For year 9 parents, it is particularly important as we will be drafting a Towards Adulthood Plan which will outline the targets and strategies to support your child over the next few years on their journey towards adulthood. Last year we had a number of parents who had to reschedule at the last minute. We have 42 reviews to complete this year so we really must try to stick to the times and dates that have been scheduled in the calendar. If you are unable to make the date, please could you endeavour to give us at least two weeks notice. Thank you for your support with this.

Parents
Evening

PLP MEETINGS/PARENT

EVENING: Each term we will hold a PLP (Personal Learning Plan) meeting

for parents. During this meeting we will share your child's draft PLP with you and develop it further so it reflects both your child's and your aspirations whilst also outlining the targets your child needs to work on to ensure progress. If your child requires a wellbeing plan (formerly known as a behaviour support plan)

then this will also be discussed at this meeting. It is really IMPORTANT that you join us for this meeting. The first is scheduled for Thursday 18th October from 3pm.



YEAR 11 INFORMATION

MEETING: For year 11 parents and carers ONLY. We will be holding an information session for you to discuss next steps for your child. The Grove

now offers a Post 16 or sixth form so you may be interested to hear about what we offer in this provision. We will also give you information about local colleges and sixth forms and help you to think about what your child might wish to study if they choose to move on. Previous parents have reported that this is a useful meeting. Paula Spalding, our independent careers guidance will be in attendance to give you information and advice. You can also find a downloadable guide on our website

<http://www.thegroveschool.co.uk/families/local-services-and-information/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR OUR

RECORDS: Please could you complete the attached sheet regarding additional information about your child. This information will be kept securely on our school information system and will not be given out to any third parties.

MEET AND GREET: We will be holding half termly meet and greet with the senior leadership team. Each half term we will be available to meet with you and chat about any school related issues or suggestions that you have. The first meeting will be at our Heartlands site on Monday 24th September at 10.30. This is a drop in session, so please feel free to drop in anytime between 10.30-11.30am. Refreshments will be available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Meet and Greet the SLT: Monday 24th September 10.30-11.30 Heartlands site.
- Year 11 Information Meeting: Wednesday 26th September 10-11.30am
- Year 11 Information Meeting: Monday 1st October 1.30-3.00pm
- After school club (secondary only): Tuesday 2nd October 3-4.30pm
- Governors meeting: Thursday 11th October 6.00-8.00pm
- After school club (secondary only): Tuesday 16th October 3-4.30pm
- PLP/ Parents evening: Thursday 18th October 3.00-5.30pm
- Break up for Half Term: Friday 19th October