

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a few weeks for all of us.

We will be resuming sending this parent bulletin each Friday, so you will be receiving all your information in one place. Please take the time to read the information below and I will send a video message to you all on Monday.

Please stay safe and keep yourselves well.

Mrs Sonia Taylor



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Is your child eligible for PLAC funding?

Additional funding is available to our school if any child in school fits the criteria of being a previously looked after child – that means that the child would have been a looked after child prior to an adoption order, special guardianship order or child arrangement order was granted.

As a school we need to inform the Department for Education of our number of previously looked after children in January to ensure that funding is allocated to school at the beginning of the financial year.

If you think that your child fits this criteria could you please ensure that you have confirmed this with the school or if you would like to discuss this further then please contact:

Laura.Townsend@groveschool.net
Gwen.Nutting@groveschool.net K
Karen.Harrisonblount@groveschool.net

Year 8 Parents

Options evening will be held on February 2nd from 4.30 to 6.30pm. This will be held virtually using appointment booking software.

A user guide and FAQ will be sent to you by e-mail soon so that you can organise your evening and book appointments with the teachers you would like to speak to.

Any questions please e-mail chris.watson@groveschool.net

Extended applications for Year 11 students to apply to Grove Sixth Form

We are aware that the Government's decision regarding Year 11 exams this year and the uncertainty presented by the current circumstances might have knock on effect on students plans for College and Apprenticeship applications. The opportunity to apply for Grove Sixth Form will therefore remain open throughout the remainder of the school year for any students who have not yet done so. Information about Grove Sixth Form can be found here:

<https://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/about-sixth-form/> with applications available by using this link and completing the online application form:

<https://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/applications-at-grove/>.

If you wish to discuss the application process or anything related to Grove Sixth Form please get in contact with me via email on andy.rayner@groveschool.net.



February Inset Day

22 February 2021 is **NO LONGER** an INSET day. Students are expected to continue with their remote learning unless the school is fully reopened by then

Consent for Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

We are planning to commence testing next week for students who are currently attending our Key Worker school, providing parental consent is given.

All other students will be tested on their return following the release of national lockdown restrictions.

A consent form and information leaflet were sent to you all yesterday but if you require a paper version please contact admin on 01630 652121 or reception@groveschool.net.

Welcome to your weekly Confident reading activity!

At this time, reading is more important than ever. It helps reduce stress, gives children an activity they can do without the need for supervision or support and it supports development.

Each week, we will provide an extract, short story, interesting article or thought-provoking text for you to read for fun with your child. There is no assessment, no test and no expectation other than that you and your child have fun. With each extract, 'confident reading' questions will be provided, so that you have ideas of what to ask your child about what you've just read together. (You don't need to know the answers to these questions yourself, nor do you need to know the text at all, as there aren't 'correct' answers to these questions). The main thing is that you and your child have fun with reading and have fun talking about reading. If you have any feedback, questions or suggestions, please contact Mr Pledger.

We start this week with some much-needed escapism: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Enjoy!



FOCUS



We hope students are managing to settle into a healthy routine with their Remote Education. As well as receiving support and guidance from tutors and teachers, if there are any technical issues, we can support you with in accessing and engaging effectively with your learning please contact: ITsupport@groveschool.net

Remote Education Tech Help

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- **Options Evening**, 2 February.
- **Sixth Form Interviews**, 2 February.
- **Local Governing Body Meeting** 2 February

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

Why not also follow us on Facebook [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

