

On the 10 September your child will be starting the school year in a brand new Grange Primary School.

We want to make sure that the transition to the new school is as smooth as possible for the children and for you the parents & carers, so please take the time to read this information.

The first thing to be aware of is that, whilst the school will be ready to move into, it will not be completely finished. There will still be a number of items to complete. Demolition of the old school buildings will be continuing into the term and this will mean that lorries will be moving between the site and Maytrees Gardens roadway. For the first few weeks of the term the amount of playground space available for us to use will be limited because of the demolition and resurfacing work.

Your child's class: You will have received a class list for September and you will know who the classteacher is for your child's class. The staff will be in the playground at 8.50am to indicate to their class where to line-up, please look for the class signs.

You will be given an opportunity to view the building later in the term but for now we would ask you not to come into the building with the children. At the end of the day they will be brought out to you by the classteacher. Please wait in the playground for them.

Getting in & getting out: All pupils in Years 1 - 6 should enter the playground through the existing gate in Roberts Alley. Nursery and Reception pupils should use the gates to their play areas, which are the new gates replacing the 'old relics' along the alleyway.

The school gates are opened and closed electronically. The main playground gates will open at 8.45am and again at 3.15pm.

N.B. the playground gates will close automatically at 9am and parents should be aware that they need to have left the playground before then. For security reasons once the gates have closed they will not be reopened so please leave the playground in good time.

No Lateness

September is a fresh start for Grange.

Let's start it right!

No more late children, no more late pick-ups!

Drop off and collect at the same time as all the other parents.

The gate to access the Nursery and Reception classes will open at 8.45 and will close again at 9.10am. Once again these gates will remain closed until children are due to be collected from the Nursery at 11.30am. For the afternoon session the gates will open at 12.45pm and again at 3.15pm.

These routines may change once the building work is completed and we have assessed the effectiveness of the arrangements, so please be patient.

School Office: If you need access to the school office please use the main pedestrian entrance opposite Maytrees Gardens. Please note, this entrance should not be used for entering the school unless...

- you have business with the school office staff,
- you need to pay for dinners, school trips etc.,
- you need to talk to or have a meeting with any member of staff,
- you are collecting a child before the end of the school day, or
- your child is late for school.

Playgroup; Breakfast & After School Club access: the Playgroup, Breakfast and After School clubs will all operate from the old Music Room. This will have been refurbished as part of the SURESTART Children's Centre for the under 5s, which is being built within the school grounds. The entrance to these facilities will be via the new entrance in Robert's Alley, approximately 20 metres from the playground entrance.

As we become more used to the building some of the arrangements outlined in this pack may change. Please be patient whilst we work to get it right!

Official opening: this is scheduled for the 5th October

Open Day: there will be an opportunity to view the school on Saturday 13 October.

About the building:

- We have two ICT suites,
- a library, and
- a large Studio for music, drama, small assemblies and meetings.
- Each classroom, the hall and the ICT suites are equipped with interactive whiteboards to bring the curriculum alive.
- The phone system can handle more incoming calls together with a comprehensive 'call waiting' facility.
- The roof is clad in cedar singles,
- Much of our hot water is provided by a ground source heat pump (the pipes go down 80mts into the ground).
- The classrooms have under floor heating.

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- Purpose built ICT and library furniture.
- 'Designer' toilets for pupils and staff.
- The hall has a mezzanine floor to accommodate a larger number of people.
- The floor of the hall is covered in a multi-purpose sports surface.
- Digital signage will be available in the main entrance and in the window of the Nursery group room to provide information to you on a day to day basis.

Please see the attached plans to locate classrooms etc.

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