



Grove Academy

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To Parent/Guardian of P7 Pupils who will make the transition into S1 at Grove Academy

Dear Parent/Guardian

S1 intake- August 2017

I have contacted the Head Teacher of your child's primary school to make arrangements for the P7 children, who will be making the transition to Grove, to take part in the Grove Academy S1 Induction Days, held at Grove Academy, on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 June 2017.

On Tuesday 13 June, pupils should assemble in the Plaza (the paved area of Grove Academy directly opposite Eastern Primary) at 8.45am where they will be met by members of staff from Grove and S6 buddies and escorted into the school. During these three days, the pupils will be escorted around the school by their buddies, be informed about school procedures, such as attendance, uniform, Guidance and after-school activities, sample a secondary timetable by attending classes in many of their subjects, meet some of their teachers and get to know their classmates. Your child should bring the usual school equipment and his/her PE kit, in case this is needed. Primary school uniform should be worn on these three days.

At lunchtime, pupils should either bring a packed lunch or buy their lunch at the school cafeteria. We use the cashless Young Scot card system in the dining hall and pupils wishing to purchase lunch in the school dining hall should bring along money to use. These Young Scot cards are usually delivered directly to Grove and will be distributed to the P7s on the Tuesday morning. Pupils who receive their Young Scot cards at their home address should bring their card with them for use over the three days at Grove Academy. On the Tuesday morning, all pupils will receive their pin number which they can use to purchase food from the school if they do not have their Young Scot card. Pupils will be instructed on how to use the system. The system accepts £1, £2, 50p, 20p and 10p coins and £5 and £10 notes. During all breaks, including the lunch break, all P7 pupils should remain in the school grounds.

If you have trouble understanding English please contact the address below

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Jeżeli macie trudności w zrozumieniu języka angielskiego, skontaktuj się na poniżej podany adres:

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On Tuesday 13 June representatives from the School Blazer and uniform company, Logoxpres, will visit the school and blazer- size all P7 pupils. Your child will be given a leaflet indicating the size of blazer your child requires and information on how to place an order on-line. The school has no locus in the ordering or payment for school blazers. Please note that there is an expectation that all Grove Academy pupils wear a blazer as part of the school uniform.

At 3.30 pm on the Tuesday and Wednesday and 2.40pm on the Thursday, the P7 pupils will be dismissed from Grove Academy. These times are 10 minutes before the rest of the school dismisses. It may be the case that school crossing patrols are not all in operation by this time, so pupils should take extra care while crossing roads on their way home from Grove. If you would like to collect your child at this time, please arrange to do so. Please note that, for reasons of health and safety, the school prefers that cars are not driven into the carpark area to wait for and pick up pupils.

We would like to have a permanent record of the induction days, which means there will be photographs taken and possibly some filming. If you do not wish your child to be photographed or filmed, please contact Mr Hutton directly at the school.

Please note that only children who have a place in S1 at Grove Academy should attend the 3 day induction. Those pupils, not coming to Grove should endeavour to attend the induction days arranged by their receiving secondary school.

Regarding the study of Modern Languages in S1, all pupils will study both French and German over the course of S1. Half of the year will be spent studying one language and the other half of the year the other language. At the end of S1, pupils will be asked to indicate their preferred language. It is hoped that this preference would be accommodated for S2 and that they would study this one language only in S2 and S3.

As part of our Induction Programme I would like to invite you to our S1 Induction Parents and Carers Evening on Thursday 15 June at 7.00pm in the school Assembly Hall. Pupils should not attend this meeting. This gives the school the opportunity to present you with some more detailed information and provides an opportunity for you to liaise with school staff and in particular, your child's Guidance Teacher. You will have an opportunity to see the new Grove Academy P.E kit and note details on how to order it. You will also be given details regarding the Parent Council and The Friends of Grove.

If you have any queries about these arrangements, please contact the school. School staff look forward to meeting you and your child in June and to welcoming you to Grove Academy.

Yours faithfully,



Ms L Elder
Depute Rector