



Grove Academy

Y6 Update — April 2020



Parent Queries and Concerns

We hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe. We are fully aware that you will all have many, many questions and concerns around the upcoming transition to high school for your children and what this may look like amidst the current situation with school closures. We would like to assure you that we will keep you up to date as soon as we have information regarding the re-opening of schools but for now we all need to stay at home as far as we possibly can to support the NHS, save lives and protect our families. We do not know when schools will re-open and it may be that this does not happen until the start of the new school year in September. We want to reassure you that we are working closely with the high schools to make this transition as smooth as possible and have detailed the work we are doing in this update.



Communication with High Schools

We are currently liaising with all of the high schools that your children will be moving onto when they leave us at Grove. This is normal practice to ensure that the staff know all about your child, including many of those personal and unique qualities that make each and every one of them individual. Please rest assured that this communication will continue as normal to ensure that all relevant details and important information are shared.



Missed Learning

Obviously, due to the unexpected school closures all children will have missed out on areas of learning across the curriculum. We will be working alongside the high schools to ensure that they are fully aware of the elements of the Year 6 curriculum that have and have not been taught this year so that they can adapt and adjust their curriculum to allow for this.

Harry Potter Studio Tour

We have been in touch with Harry Potter Studios and they are currently closed as you would expect. At present they are taking new bookings from 30th June 2020 and therefore our visit on 2nd July is currently still scheduled to take place. Obviously, this may well change and if either the studios or school are still closed and the visit is not able to take place a full refund for the cost of the entrance tickets will be issued by the studios. We will



also liaise with the coach company to find out if they are also willing to issue a refund should the need arise.

End of Year 6 Prom

We know that the children all really look forward to this event and we, as the staff, thoroughly enjoy this too. We would love the children to still get the chance to celebrate the end of their time at Grove with their friends in some way and therefore we are discussing and planning ways that we can make this happen in some form. This may not take place in July as it would normally but we feel that it is important that the children get to say goodbye to their friends as they move onto their different high schools. It may be that we look at bringing them back together at a later date but rest assured that if we can make this possible we absolutely will. As we progress through the lockdown and learn more about how schools will reopen, we will make plans accordingly and keep you informed.



We want your views!

We will shortly be sending out a 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire to seek your views about a prom / party, and whether you would be interested in purchasing a leavers' hoodie. We know that times are challenging financially so would rather hear what you want—watch this space!

Revision Guides

As you will be aware, SATs will not be taking place this year and therefore we will be providing a refund to those of you who have paid for revision guides following our last parent meeting. Please be patient and we will address this as soon as possible.