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Whole school return in March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to Woodland View Junior School on Monday 8th March. I wanted to write to you to confirm the arrangements for the rest of this term and to reassure you that we will be continuing with the measures we had in place last term. The school will look and feel very similar to how it was at the end of the autumn term. There will be no whole school mixing, which means staggered start times and finish times along with staggered breaks and lunches.

We are continuing with staggered start and finish times for the lower and upper school bubbles as set out below:

Group	Gate	Arrive	Depart
Upper School Year 5 Bubble 1	1 (closest to infant school)	8:40 am – 8:45 am	2:55 pm
Upper School Year 6 Bubble 1	2 (closest to car park entrance)	8:40 am – 8:45 am	2:55 pm
Lower School Year 3 Bubble 2	1 (closest to infant school)	8:50 am – 8:55 am	3:05 pm
Lower School Year 4 Bubble 2	2 (closest to car park entrance)	8:50 am – 8:55 am	3:05 pm

Children will be collected from the playground and taken to their classrooms. They will enter the classrooms using the external classroom doors so we can minimise the need for children to walk along our small corridors. Corridors continue to have a one way system.

We kindly request that parents do not enter the school playground when they do the morning drop-off. At the end of the day both gates will be open for parents and the one-way system currently in place will continue; Entry to the playground will be via the gate with the artificial grass and exit from the playground will be via the gate nearest the infant school.

Please remember to travel to and from school in single family units where possible and please do not gather at the gates. Children need to be reminded that only one child at a time should be at the bike rack. We are continuing to ask adults to wear masks at times when 2 metre distancing cannot be maintained as well as when waiting on the playground to collect children at the end of the day. Please continue to phone or email the office with any queries to enable us to maintain a reduction in the number of visitors to reception.



Uniform:

We expect that children will come to school in uniform but understand that this may be a little tricky for any children who have had a growth spurt! If you find parts of your child's uniform no longer fit then please can I ask that they come in clothes as near to the school colours as possible whilst you try to get uniform that fits. We will allow children to wear trainers if their school shoes no longer fit whilst we wait for shops to reopen.

Loan of Equipment:

For those of you who had equipment loaned to you, we kindly ask that this is returned to the school office on 8th March in the morning. We can then ensure that the equipment is noted as returned and quarantined for 72 hours before being placed back into our school resources.

Break times:

Due to the government's slow exit strategy from lockdown, initially children will enjoy their break times within their class bubbles in their zoned areas. We will review this after Easter.

Lunches:

Children will still need to eat their lunches in the classroom – desks will be cleaned before food is eaten. Children who have ordered a hot dinner will have their dinner delivered to their classroom so they can eat with their bubble. The dinner menu from 8th March starts with the Spring Term menu from Week One, payment via SchoolMoney as always. Each group will spend half of their lunchtime in the classroom, having lunch, and the other half outdoors in their zoned area.

Fitness/Games:

Where possible, all fitness/games lessons will take place outside. We are still unable to use our changing facilities at this time so we ask that on a games day your child comes to school wearing their games kit – they must also remember to wear their trainers. Games lessons still take place on either a Wednesday (Kestrel and Hummingbirds) or a Thursday (all other classes). It will be essential for children to have suitable outdoor sports clothing on their allocated day.

Curriculum:

We expect children will have a mixture of feelings about the full re-opening of schools and we will be focusing on social, emotional and mental health. Our priority is to re-establish routines, expectations, friendships and relationships. We want to help your young people feel safe and happy as they settle back into their new routines making the move from home learning to school-based learning. We are not expecting children to be working straight away on a full curriculum and there will be no homework other than reading until after the Easter break.

Guitar and Keyboard Music Lessons:

Music lessons will restart on Tuesday 9th March for children who have already worked with Mr. Mothers. These lessons will take place in the hall, in small socially-distanced groups, with equipment cleaned in-between each lesson.

Kidz Klub:

Entrance to KidzKlub will be via the gate from the main carpark. Children will be asked to wait at the KidzKlub door on a morning before being collected to walk with their group round to the classrooms. Kelly will be sending out separate information about KidzKlub to parents. Parents will need to contact Kelly directly to find out about their protective measures.

What measures are in place to comply with guidance?

- The school promotes the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' approach and help ensure children know how to clean their hands thoroughly.
- Rooms have good levels of ventilation – keep wearing jumpers as they can sometimes feel a little chilly.
- Staggered start and finish times using different entrances avoid large gatherings at the gate.
- There is no whole school mixing. School assemblies will be completed virtually.
- Parents will only be allowed onto the school premises if they have a prior appointment.
- Visitors and contractors to the school must wash or sanitise their hands and wear a mask.
- Children will be able to bring one bag to school containing essential equipment but this equipment must not be shared with others. Children can bring in one pencil case containing their own stationery; this must stay in school. All children continue to be provided with basic stationery and will not be able to share this resource with others.
- We are still unable to run our before and afternoon school clubs.
- Staff try as much as possible to maintain a 2 metre distance from children within their group although we know the guidance accepts that children will not be able to distance within their group.
- Staff will wear face coverings when moving around the building; this will be reviewed by the government at Easter.
- Games lessons will take place outside, suitable outdoor clothing is essential. P.E. equipment is cleaned before being used by another group.
- Children stay at the same desk and on the same chair during the day. There is additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces e.g. toilets, door handles, taps.
- Chrome books and iPads are wiped with antibacterial wipes before being used; they are used on a rotation system to allow time for additional cleaning.
- Quarantine boxes are used in the library for the return of books, books stay in the box for 72 hours before being put back on the shelves.
- Handwashing facilities and sanitiser are available in every classroom. As a minimum, children are expected to clean their hands on arrival, before and after break, before and after lunch and before leaving the site at the end of the day.
- If any child in school displays any coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms they will wait in the medical room, which is now our isolation room, supported by a member of staff whilst they wait for a parent to collect them. Should they need to use the toilet during this time, they will use the toilet next to the office; this toilet would then be deep cleaned before anyone else can use it.
- Parents/carers must be ready and willing to:
 - Book a test if a member of the household is displaying symptoms.
 - Staff and children must not come into school if they have symptoms. All children can be tested but children under the age of 11 will need to be helped by their parent if using a home testing kit
 - Let the school know if they have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
 - Self-isolate if they have been in contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive for the virus.
 - Inform the school immediately of any test results.

Please support our school community in following the latest Covid-19 guidance issued by the government.

Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for adults of primary age pupils:

Most staff within school are undertaking twice weekly LFTs and are continuing to be cautious in order to protect everyone. Track and Trace procedures along with bubble procedures remain unchanged – we need everyone to be working together to help us stay open.

LFTs are being offered to households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils from 1st March 2021. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>. To find your local centre to request tests please go to the following link: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

These tests are not arranged through school and tests are not collected from the school site.

All of the staff at Woodland View are looking forward to welcoming children back to school! Attendance from 8th March will once again be compulsory and I do hope the plans outlined above will give you reassurance. If you still do have any questions about next term then please do get in touch with the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards
Heallen Payne
Head of School