

Woodhouse Primary School

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Welcome Back

It has been a delight to welcome pupils back into school this week and we are very proud of the way they have adapted to new routines so positively.

Attendance has been excellent and we are particularly pleased with the way that the staggered start and end to the school day has worked and this has been a result of parents and carers following our procedures. We would ask that pupils do not arrive more than ten minutes before the allocated start time as this is causing some congestion on the pavement outside school.

Thank you.



We continue to monitor how our systems and procedures work to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible whilst endeavouring to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. Due to the restrictions we are working under, inevitably compromises have to be made. Under normal circumstances, the school hall would be used for PE lessons, assemblies and lunches. As we have prioritised provision of physical activity to promote pupils' well-being, it is not possible to provide school lunches as normal due to the need for enhanced cleaning.

Whilst the majority of pupils have returned to school in good spirits with high levels of enthusiasm and engagement, we are aware that some children may be finding the return to school challenging. This is not unusual and should improve over time as they adjust to the routines. The school website contains advice on supporting pupils during this time.

Reading books

As we enter the new school year, we are sure that you will be filled with excitement to help your child progress in their reading. This is one of the foremost areas in early education where parental involvement and enthusiasm is absolutely irreplaceable and so we are looking forward to working with you this year to help your child progress.



As you will be well aware, the current situation with COVID restrictions and lockdown will have affected children's reading levels and the teachers are working hard to assess which stage of the reading scheme each child needs to be working on. This may have increased or decreased during lockdown but our analysis of these stages is well under way and we are aiming for your child to be bringing a book home by the end of next week. We have also devised a safe way of returning books to school to minimise contact between bubbles and families so please just send the book back in your child's reading packet once you have finished reading it with them. We look forward to working with you this year and keep your eyes peeled for a few exciting, new developments.

Pupil Absence

As part of our continuing work to safeguard our pupils please can I ask that parents/carers contact the school as soon as possible to inform us of the reason for the child's absence if they are unable to attend school. This can be done via telephone or email. Should a child be absent from school and no communication has been received, school will make contact via text, telephone or, if deemed necessary, in person to ascertain the reason for the child's absence. **LA advice is to contact the police if the child's whereabouts cannot be established, therefore I cannot underestimate the importance of this.**



Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Flu Vaccinations – All year groups

Forms with information regarding pupil flu vaccinations will be sent home with your child tomorrow. Please can the completed forms be returned to school by Wednesday 23 September.

The vaccinations will be given at school on Friday 16 October should you wish your child to have one.



School Uniform

An order will be placed with our supplier on Friday 18 September which will include orders placed over the summer break. Items can be purchased via the shop on School Money by 9.00am on Friday 18 September.

The next order will be on Friday 16 October.



Nut Free Zone

Woodhouse School is a **Nut Free Zone** as some of our pupils suffer from nut allergies.

In order to minimise the risk, I would ask all parents to attempt to vet the food brought into school and wherever possible ensure that no nuts are contained which also includes chocolate nut spreads.



Medicines

If your child requires medicine during the school day, this must be brought to the office by an adult and the appropriate form completed. Medication will only be administered if prescribed by a doctor and only if required 4 times a day.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- Medicine must be brought to school in a clearly labelled see-through plastic bag and be in the original dispensed packaging.
- Parent to wear disposable gloves
- Should the medication need to be sent home at the end of the day, it will be given to the child.



Yours sincerely

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