

Woodhouse Primary School

Useful information: September 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in September. Public Health England (PHE) advise that schools should continue to apply a system of controls to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid 19 virus and the information below explains how we will continue to do this.

The school's risk assessment is published on the website and reviewed regularly.

Grouping of pupils

It is no longer recommended that pupils are organised into 'bubbles' but where it is practical to do so, we will minimise large groups of pupils mixing together initially.

- At break times, areas of the KS2 playground will be designated for specific year groups.
- The Trim Trail and Pirate ship will be used by one class each week and not be in use before and after school
- Toilets will be allocated to specific year groups
- Assemblies will recommence but with smaller groups of pupils in the first instance.

Classrooms

Each class will work within their usual classroom. Desks in Y2 – Y6 will be arranged to seat pupils side by side and facing forwards where practical to do so.

The sharing of equipment will be minimised and for individual and very frequently used items e.g. pencils/pens, staff and pupils will continue to have their own items. Pupils from Y2 upwards will be permitted to bring a small pencil case.

Learning

We will continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum and swimming will recommence for pupils in Y1-Y6 from the start of term. It is hoped to introduce swimming lessons as an optional extra for pupils in YR later in the half term.

Drop-off and Collection arrangements

In line with guidance from the Department for Education, it will no longer be necessary to group children in bubbles and have staggered start and finishing times for pupils therefore we will revert to our usual start and finishing times (8.50am and 3.10/3.15pm KS1/KS2). Staff will be on duty to oversee these arrangements each day

Start of the day

- Pupils can arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am at any entrance and will go straight into their classroom. Pupils will be encouraged to come into the school grounds by themselves

End of the day

- Y2 parents will be asked to wait in the ball area of the KS1 playground
- Y1 parents will be asked to wait in the KS1 playground adjacent to the pirate ship
- YR parents will be asked to line up adjacent to the YR outdoor area as previously
- KS2 parents will be asked to wait in the KS2 playground or alternatively may choose to meet their child outside the school grounds
- Please note siblings will no longer come out of school together but should meet in either playground
- Parents/carers should inform their child where they will meet them
- The Trim Trail and Pirate Ship will not be in use after school
- After school providers will return to collecting children from the hall

Hygiene

The most effective way of reducing the transmission of germs, including viruses, is the regular washing of hands with soap and water. Staff will regularly remind all pupils of the importance of hand hygiene and hand sanitiser will be provided in classrooms and other areas of school.

We will ask pupils and staff to wash their hands when they enter the building, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing, after touching faces, after learning outside, after visiting the toilet.

Children will be encouraged to use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it').

We would ask that you support us with maintaining levels of hygiene by reminding your child of the importance of handwashing and other hygiene practices.

Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas however it is recommended that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where people may come into contact with individuals they would not normally meet. We recognise that some individuals feel safer wearing a face covering therefore pupils who choose to do so will be expected to wear them safely and appropriately. We cannot accept responsibility for ensuring that any child who brings a face mask to school is wearing it at all times. It will be the responsibility of the child to look after any face mask they bring and if it is not worn sensibly the child will be expected to remove it.

Lunchtime arrangements

School meals will revert to the hot meal option and all pupils will eat in the hall in turn. Where it is practical to do so, pupils will be seated in year groups but due to limitations on space this cannot be guaranteed.

Administering of Medicine

Should you wish your child to wear sun cream, please apply it before school.

If a child requires medication four times a day, it must be brought to school in a clearly labelled see-through plastic bag and be in the original dispensed packaging. Medication will need to be handed in to the school office and the relevant medical form completed. Should the medication need to be sent home at the end of the day it will be given to your child.

Illness

Symptoms of Covid-19

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Pupils, staff and other adults should not come to school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result. Pupils who develop symptoms, however mild, will be sent home and should have a PCR test and isolate until the result is received. Anyone who has tested positive, should self-isolate for 10 days.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months

Onset of symptoms whilst at School

All persons who develop Covid 19 symptoms whilst on site will:

- be sent home as soon as possible and will be advised to follow government guidance on self isolating and testing.
- whilst awaiting pick-up persons will be isolated in a separate area
- pupils will be supervised whilst this takes place
- a face covering will be worn by the supervising adult. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face covering will be worn by the supervising adult

Remote learning

Where it is appropriate to do so, pupils will be supported to learn from home remotely if they are well enough during their period of self-isolation following the school's Remote Education document (available to view on the school website).

For families who are unable to access online learning we will provide a paper-based option for continuing their learning at home.