

Woodlands Primary and Early Years

Return to School Newsletter

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. Thank you for your patience at this ever changing time. Although the restrictions have been lifted, so that all children can come to school full time, the virus has not gone away. Our priority is to keep everyone safe. To do this we have to be very strict regarding hygiene rules and the number of pupils/people entering the building and playground are kept to a minimum. This means that staff cannot have face to face meetings with parent/carers. No one is allowed into the building except staff and pupils. Pupils will be in 'bubbles' and movement around the building is reduced. Children should not be sent to school if they or anyone they have come in contact with is displaying Covid symptoms. It is important that you let the school know if your child is not coming into school and the reason as we have to keep accurate attendance records.

Back to school Update

As you will be aware, the schools will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 12th August. To aid handwashing we will be continuing with the staggered entry for the foreseeable future. The children in P2-P7 will no longer be in groups A or B and should come to school from Wednesday 12th August onwards. Primary 1 children will remain in Group A and B for the first week.

P1 pupils

We are giving the P1 pupils a soft start. They will come in at 10am and leave at 2pm for the first week. Group A will come in on

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Wednesday 12th and group B will come in on Thursday 13th. All P1 children should come in on Friday 14th August at 10am. On the first day P1 children can come into the playground with up to two adults. After this only one parent/ carer per child. You should remain socially distanced in the playground until a staff member comes to collect your child. At the end of the day you should again socially distance and wait for your child to come to you. It will take some time to do this so that P1 class teachers will ensure the safety of the children. Please leave the playground as soon as you have collected your child. If you have to collect another child please wait outside of the playground.

Remember you must re-apply for free school meals every year. Pupils going into P4 will now have to pay for meals unless you have applied and been accepted for free school meals.

I covered most of the main points in my last newsletter and these are still relevant. The previous newsletter can be found on Twitter and our webpage.

Plans for the current guidance.

- P2-P7 will return on Wednesday 12th August (Please see time below for when your child should arrive).
- We will have a staggered entry at the start of the day and at the end of the day to help with social distancing and to support hand washing.

Time you should arrive and the door you will come in. Please arrive at the correct time to ensure social distancing.

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Time	Senior door	Front Door	Nursery side Door	P1 door	1M Classroom
8:50 – 2:55	7B	5L 4G	2R	2G	
9:00 – 3:00	7H	5C 4S	3G	3/4S	
9:10 – 3:05	6O	6G	3T	1P	1M

Which gate to use:-

Senior Gate	Main Gate	Nursery Gate
7B 7H 6O 6G	5C 5L 4S 4G	1P 1M 2R 2G 3G 3T 3/4S

Further information/reminders:-

- The car park will continue to be for staff and disabled families however it is a strict drop off and leave policy for disabled drivers too.
- Parent and carers cannot stand at the gate or fence in the morning. It is a strict drop and go policy.
- Play equipment will be taped off and should not be used by anyone.
- Only P1, P2 & P3 pupils can be collected from the playground at the end of the day. There will be visual markers on the ground to ensure social distancing and only one adult per child is

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allowed in. Please ensure you are leaving the playground promptly when you have collected your child. Pupils from P4-P7 should be collected near the gate but not in front of it.

- At the end of the day only children who require the support of an adult should be collected from the playground. If you are waiting for your child at the gates, you must remember to social distance.
- If a family member or friend is collecting please ensure they are aware of the new guidance. Family member/friend must be on the pick up slip for P1 - 3
- We must have a current and accessible telephone number to contact you. It would be ideal if you could provide us with an email address.
- Breakfast club and after-school clubs have been suspended.
- There will be no face-to-face meetings between staff and parents. All conversations will be by telephone.
- Pupils will be assigned areas to wash hands and this is the area they will always use.
- Children will have their own desk and be supplied with pencils, rulers etc. These will be in a wallet with their name on it.
- Children will have to bring their own snack as the lunch hall won't be providing snacks at interval.
- Pack lunches will stay at their desk with them.
- Pack lunches can be in a plastic box which is cleaned before coming to school or in a disposable bag. No fabric bags please.
- Children should come with a clean water bottle each day which is filled (water only please).
- No school bags or toys please. Staff will arrange toys for younger pupils which will be cleaned at the end of the day.

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- Hot lunches will be in the P.E hall and dining hall. Pack lunches will hopefully be in the PE hall (we will only use the classrooms if we are struggling for time or space) or outside. Tables will be cleaned before the children eat.
- Touch points will be cleaned throughout the day
- While children no longer need to stay 2 metres away from other children in their class, staff have to stay 2 metres away from children and other staff unless they are wearing PPE.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time every day with everything they need.
- PE cannot be done in school so activity lessons will be taken outside. It is important that children wear stout shoes and have a jacket for outdoor activities. These activities may happen on a daily basis depending on the weather to ensure children are getting fresh air as much as possible. Children cannot use the changing rooms.

What to wear:-

- Clean clothes must be worn everyday
- Parents have indicated they wish school uniform to be worn.

School Uniform is

- Grey sweatshirt
- Grey or dark green v neck or cardigan
- White or green polo shirt or white shirt
- Grey skirt/ trousers or Black skirt/trousers
- Green/white checked school dress or green kilt
- Black shoes or black plain trainers

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- Ties and blazers are not allowed unless the restrictions are lifted

Children should **not wear** the following

- Hoodies
- Jumpers/ tops with logos other than the school badge
- Leggings/jeggings
- Jeans

Please remember NAC have a policy of no football insignia.

Thank you again for your continued patience, support and for engaging in the surveys which have guided our next steps.

It has been a very challenging 2020 so far however with patience, common sense and team work we will overcome the challenges.

To ensure you are being kept up to date as much as possible please, use the xpressions app which is free and give us your email address so we can add you to our group.

Best wishes from everyone at Woodlands.

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