



Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class

Information about January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In the briefing on Saturday 19th December 2020, the First Minister announced changes to school and nursery provision after the planned Christmas Holidays.

I am writing to provide information specific to Woodhead Primary School and Woodhead Primary Nursery Class.

Extension of School Holidays

The school and nursery holidays have been extended to Monday 11th January 2021 for pupils.

Exceptional Closure Day

Scottish Government has granted an exceptional closure for our schools on 6 January.

School staff will return on Wednesday 6 January to allow planning to take place for the safe return of children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Children of key workers will be able to apply for emergency childcare between Thursday 7th January and Friday 15th January 2021 (see below).

Remote Learning week w/b 11th January (School)

From Monday 11th January until at least Friday 15th January 2021, schools will return with children learning at home via 'Remote Learning'.

For P1-7 at Woodhead, this will be via Google Classrooms.

You can expect:

- A daily check-in activity or question.
- Daily Literacy and Numeracy tasks set by the class teacher (these may be set at the beginning of the week or added each day).
- A weekly art, science or IDL lessons set by Mrs. McPhee or Mrs. Keltie for the whole school.
- A weekly whole school 'assembly' lesson set by the Leadership Team.

Access to Help from Teachers

- Teachers will ensure the help and guidance on the activities is as clear and concise as possible.
- Teachers will check in to the Google Classroom at least twice per day (by 9.30am in the morning and before 3pm in the afternoon).
- Children (assisted by parents where needed) can ask questions in the Google Classroom stream or by sending a private message in Google Classrooms

Help with Google Classroom/Passwords

Google Classrooms are accessed using your child's Glow username and password. Log in to Glow at: <https://glow.rmunify.com> and then click on the Google Classroom tile.

You can access guides to using Google Classroom on the school website at: <http://bit.ly/woodhead-googleclass>

If you need help with a Glow username or password, please email gw07asmwoodheadps@glow.sch.uk

Remote Learning week w/b 11th January (Nursery)

The nursery staff will post ideas for home learning on Learning Journals.

You can expect:

- Daily ideas for learning activities and play experiences.

Access to IT Equipment

The Local Authority has helped us to provide IT equipment to any families who have requested it. If you do not have access to IT equipment to access Remote Learning, please email the school office: gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

Emergency Child Care Hub

We have been asked to support childcare/learning for children of key workers.

This will be available from Thursday 7th to Friday 15th January 2021

Definition of a key worker:

- Health and Care workers directly supporting COVID response, and associated staff; Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work, as well as critical primary and community care provision; Energy suppliers (small numbers identified as top priority already); staff providing support for childcare/learning.
- All other Health and Care workers, and wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (for example: fire, police, prisons, social workers), as well as those supporting our Critical National Infrastructure, without whom serious damage to the welfare of the people of Scotland could be caused.
- All workers (private, public or third sector) without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to COVID-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised).

In order to be eligible to access childcare:

- **both parents/carers must be keyworkers. (or, the parent/carer in the case of a single parent family).**
- **children should attend only when there are no alternative childcare arrangements**

If you meet this criterion, please use this Google Form to register for the days you require:

<http://bit.ly/wps-hubs2021>

Vulnerable Children

Emergency childcare will be offered to children identified as being 'vulnerable'. Parents/carers will be contacted by the school directly if they meet the criterion for this and do not need to apply for a place.

Hub Details

Emergency childcare hubs will operate from 9am-3pm.

Children do not need to wear school uniform.

Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult. They should arrive via the gate beside the MUGA and enter via the door at the glass link corridor between the two P1 classes (school and nursery children).

Free school meals

The Council will continue with Free School meal payments for families during the extended holiday period (6 to 8 Jan) and the week of remote learning (11 to 15 Jan).

In terms of children who may be attending from the 7th Jan, the current position is that only children already entitled to free school meals will be provided with lunch. All other children will be required to bring a packed lunch.

Further assistance

If you require any assistance during this period of additional school closure/remote learning please email the school office:

gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

You can call our office from 6th January 2021 on 01698 457669

As this is an ever-changing situation, we will provide further updates if required via Twitter, ParentPay email or Learning Journals.

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All information is correct at the time of writing (22nd December 2020)