



# Woodpark Primary and Nursery Class

Oct/Nov 2020

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

### Covid-19 Update

We continue to follow and adhere to the most up to date Covid-19 guidance in order to minimise risk. Measures include ensuring 2m distancing between adults, and between adults and children where possible (it is acknowledged that this can be more difficult with younger children). In shared areas (corridors, dining hall etc), and when working 1-1 with children adults wear masks, and we continue to minimise movement around the school as much as possible. **Children may wear a mask in school if wished but this is not compulsory.** Enhanced cleaning measures are in place, which include frequent cleaning throughout the day of touchpoints such as door handles, enhanced daily cleaning and a weekly electrostatic spray. Circulation of fresh air is provided by class windows being open as much as possible. Regular handwashing and hand sanitising procedures are in place. To avoid busy drop off and pick up times we will continue with our staggered start and finish times, and classes will continue to have staggered break and lunch times. **Children should not come to school more than a few minutes before their class start time. This is to reduce children mixing between classes as far as possible.**

Overall, the children are following our new routines and procedures extremely well – thank you everyone!

A key update from the Scottish Government is the advice that all adults collecting or

dropping off children, even if remaining outside, should now wear a mask in addition to maintaining 2m social distancing. I ask for your cooperation in following this advice, to continue to minimise risk to our school community. Thank you.

### Positive Covid-19

It is vital that we are informed of any positive cases. If any member of the school community has a **POSITIVE** Covid-19 test please contact the school during the school day, or use the emergency number sent out before the October holidays via the school app to inform the school out of hours (evenings, weekends, holidays).

**Please only use this number for reporting a POSITIVE Covid-19 test result. This number is for no other reason.** Should there be a positive case identified within the school community, agreed Test and Protect protocols will be followed which includes contacting any relevant families as identified by NHS Lanarkshire.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please call the office on 01555 892251 by 9.30am to advise us, thank you.

Recently a number of laptops, provided by the Scottish Government, were given to families to access online learning in the instance of moving to 'blended learning' – children in school part of the week, and learning from home part of the week. If you require a device such as a laptop/tablet to access this please contact the school. We will also be provided with a number of dongles



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to give internet access. If you require this please contact the school.

Whilst there is no indication at present that there is a move towards 'blended learning', we need to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for this eventuality. Part of our preparations involves setting a weekly homework task for each class on Google Classrooms. This will allow the children, and yourselves, to become familiar with accessing learning activities on Google Classroom and also help us identify and sort out any problems.

### Parent Consultations

Throughout this week and next, class teachers are holding telephone consultations to give you an update on your child's progress since returning to school in August. We will hold a further parent consultation, either face-to-face if circumstances allow, or again by telephone, in the Spring term to provide a further update. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch, either by putting a note in your child's diary or calling the school office.

### School Website

Our school website has been updated, which should allow easier use on phones as well as computers and tablets. Have a look around!

### Flu vaccinations

The annual flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for pupils will take place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Staffing

Mrs Finlay will return from maternity leave on 12<sup>th</sup> November, and will teach P1/2. Mr Wylie will remain at Woodpark for the rest of the school year, teaching in P1 for part of the week, and also covering some non-class contact time. Sadly we will say goodbye to Mr Malone and thank him for all he has done since joining us in August.

### Festive Season

Whilst we aren't able to have our normal Christmas festivities this year, we are planning some alternative Christmas celebrations and fun.... Look out for more information to follow.

### Dates for your Diary

- Weeks beginning 2 Nov and 9 Nov – parent telephone consultations
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – flu vaccinations
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – inservice day: school/nursery closed to pupils
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2.30pm – school closes for Christmas holidays
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 – school opens
- Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January – P1 enrolment week for session 2021/22

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Debbie MacKenna

Head Teacher