



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

All of the staff here at Woodstone are really looking forward to the children returning to school, which the Government have said is statutory, from **Monday 8th March**. We are very excited to be giving you all the information needed to help us get off to a smooth start. Staff have once again been busy preparing lessons and classrooms and planning a new curriculum relevant to the children's needs.

Although we are returning to school it does not mean we can become complacent with our efforts to reduce infection. For this reason, we need all parents and carers with children at the school to play their part so we are asking for your co-operation with the following measures (many of these you will be very used to as they were implemented last term):

- Our **ONE-WAY** system remains in place. All parents walking/cycling to school should enter the school via the gate on Heather Lane. You will not be able to exit through this gate. The back gate onto Miller's Walk will be open for parents leaving the school site. You will not be able to enter through this gate.
- **FACE COVERINGS** – Unless you have a diagnosed medical condition please wear a face covering at drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember only **ONE parent** should drop off or pick up so that we minimise the number of adults on site at any one time. Thank you.
- **DROP OFF/PICK-UP** - Please adhere strictly to your drop off and pick up times below as this will help to minimise contact between adults on the playground. These have changed slightly from last time.

	Family surname A - K	Family surname L - Z
Drop off (am)	8:45 – 8:50am	8:50 – 8:55am
Pick up (pm)	3:00 – 3:05pm	3:10 – 3:15pm

Please note these times are very tight (as we are trying not to eat into the children's learning time too much) so please try to arrive at your exact time and please remember to socially distance on the playground (at least 2 metres apart). Thank you.

- Teachers will continue to greet the children at the top of the steps on the playground in the morning (or by the green gate for Reception children). Please remember to keep a 2-metre distance from the class teacher and please do not go down the steps.
- Please do not enter the classrooms.
- Please only enter the foyer of the school if this is absolutely necessary. If you need to communicate with the office or your child's teacher please email or telephone where possible. Please give Mrs Bird our new Admin Assistant a warm welcome (it's been a very funny time for her to start her new job!)
- We do want to keep good communication between teachers and parents so please remember you can also contact your child's teacher through their class **EMAIL** e.g. year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk etc. From Monday we will not be communicating via Teams (with adults or children) unless we have to close a bubble or have a pre-arranged meeting.

- If possible please send children in Years 2 to 6 to school with their own named bottle of hand **SANITISER**. This will speed up the process of cleaning hands and ensure we are giving the children as much learning time as possible. We will provide the children in Reception and Year 1 with sanitiser.
- Our **WOODY'S** before and after school club will be open as normal from Monday 8th March providing both breakfast in the morning and a light tea after school. Please book places in advance via School Money. Timings are:
7:30am – 8:45am and 3:15pm – 5:45pm (more details on the school website).
Please note, any children who are picked up late from the classroom i.e. after 3:15pm will be taken to Woody's and a charge will be incurred.
- All children should return to school in full **SCHOOL UNIFORM**, with appropriate footwear (i.e. no trainers please).
- If children need to bring a school **BAG** please ensure this is as small as possible (e.g. drawstring bag/bookbag) as the cloakrooms will only be used to store P.E. kit.
- Children in Years 2-6 should bring a **PENCIL CASE** containing colouring pencils, an eraser and a pencil sharpener. We will provide writing pencils/pens and a purple pen. Children in Reception and Year 1 do not need to bring a pencil case.
- There will be no **TUCK SHOP**. Key Stage 2 children should bring a fruit-based snack or plain biscuit for breaktime. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 do not need to bring a snack as the free fruit scheme will resume.
- **SCHOOL DINNERS** - Our school kitchen will be serving a choice of a hot meal, a wrap or a roll option. Children can obviously still bring a packed lunch from home if they wish.
- There will be no after school clubs e.g. netball, gardening etc.
- To help with the children's home learning we have loaned out various bits of **SCHOOL EQUIPMENT** throughout this latest lockdown – whiteboards, whiteboard pens, handwriting books, laptops etc. Please could you return anything that belongs to school on Monday. Most of this equipment was in your child's home learning pack.
- The **CURRICULUM** will continue to be broad, balanced and as ambitious as possible. You may have heard the term 'catch-up' in the news recently but we prefer to think of it as 'learning priorities' i.e. we all recognise that children have missed some aspects of their learning over the past 8 weeks but we know there are certain priorities for moving the children forward which means they can access all aspects of the curriculum as soon as possible.
- Teachers will be in touch regarding the **P.E. and FOREST SCHOOL** days for each class. These will also be displayed on the class welcome pages on the school website.

We hope all this makes sense and answers all the questions you may have.

Although the Covid situation is slowly improving, the virus has not gone away so it is important we are all vigilant and all play our part in keeping everyone safe. The support we have received from you all has been amazing throughout so let's keep this going and keep Woodstone a safe, but welcoming environment.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



P. Mullins
Headteacher