

FAQs -



WHEN WILL MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- All **Year 1** pupils and all **Year 6** pupils will return on Monday 1st June (they will be in school from Monday morning to Thursday afternoon each week until further notice)
- Group 1 of our **Reception Class** will return on Monday 1st June (they will be in school each Monday and Tuesday until further notice).
- Group 2 of our **Reception Class** will return on Wednesday 3rd June (they will be in school each Wednesday and Thursday until further notice)
- Reception groups will be emailed to parents on Friday 22nd May.
- We will continue to provide childcare for the children of Key Workers from Monday to Friday. These places are limited to 30 and will need to be booked online in advance (see separate section below)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON A FRIDAY?

- School will be closed to all children every Friday except to those whose parents are key workers
- Children in Year 1 and Year 6 will be sent home with a homework task to complete on Friday
- The school will be thoroughly cleaned on Fridays in addition to regularly cleaning throughout the week
- Staff will be given time to plan for the following week

WHAT WILL HAPPEN FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 2, 3, 4 AND 5?

- These children will remain at home for the foreseeable future
- Teachers will continue to provide home learning activities for these children which will be uploaded to the school website in the normal way
- Please note all teachers will now be teaching during the day so may not be able to respond to emails as frequently as they have been doing

HOW DO I BOOK A PLACE FOR KEY WORKER CHILDCARE?

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 do not need to book a place unless they need to attend on a day when they are not already in school
- Log into Eduspot as normal e.g. as if you were paying for a trip
- Select the 'Club' tab down the left hand side of the screen
- 'Keyworkers' with the date next to it will appear at the top
- Press the '+' on the right hand side
- Select the days you require
- Press 'reserve now'
- There is a maximum of 30 places available
- You will not be charged for booking this childcare service
- Please note this is set up for the week beginning 1st June only at the moment. More details to follow.

HOW WILL I DROP MY CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL?

- Your child will be in an assigned classroom – you will receive an email letting you know which classroom and which school staff they will be with
- School will have a staggered start to ensure the best possible social distancing
- The gate from Miller's Walk will be **locked** at the beginning and end of the day to ensure our one-way system works effectively
- Children **must** arrive at the times indicated below

YEAR 6	YEAR 1	RECEPTION	KEY WORKER
8:45 – 8:55	8:55 – 9:05	9:05 – 9:15	9:05 – 9:15

- If you are also dropping off a sibling please aim for the earliest time indicated above e.g. if dropping off a child in Year 6 and a sibling in Year 1 please arrive at 8.45a.m.

- Reception staff will meet children at the green gate near the Reception Class – parents should queue observing the 2 metre distancing markers and hand their children over to a Reception member of staff – parents should not go through this gate
- Staff of the other year groups and key workers will welcome the children at the classroom door – parents please do not go down the steps with your children
- Parents should not come into the school building unless it is an emergency. Please phone (01530 519473) or email (wpsoffice1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk)
- If you are walking your child to school we ask that only one parent accompanies them
- If your child is walking to and from school on their own please remind them about social distancing and ensure they know the gate from Miller's Walk will be locked
- Please adhere to the one way walking route and maintain a 2 metre space between you and the parent in front
- If driving to school please minimise your time in the school car-park. Please use the car-park safely and responsibly

HOW WILL I COLLECT MY CHILD FROM SCHOOL?

- Home time will be staggered to help keep everyone as safe as possible
- Please do not be late – our school staff will also adhere strictly to the allocated finishing times

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 6	KEY WORKER
2:45 – 2:55	2:55 – 3:05	3:05 – 3:15	3:05 – 3:15

- For children in Reception parents must stay the far side of the green gate (2 metres apart). Our staff will bring your child to you
- For children in Year 1 and Year 6 and Key Worker children they will be kept in or near their classroom – please wait on the playground (do not come down the steps) and we will send your children to you
- Please leave the playground following the walking one-way system – we recognise this may take a little more time than usual but it will prevent bottle necks – please be patient and considerate towards others when on the school grounds
- Please move away from the playground/car-park as swiftly as possible
- Siblings will come home at the earlier time e.g. if collecting a child in Year 6 and a sibling in Year 1 please arrive at 2.45p.m. Please collect them from their own classroom. Our staff will ensure these children are also ready to avoid you having to wait around
- Please note Woody's will not reopen at this time as we are unable to keep children from mixing between bubbles

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

- Children should, where possible, wear school uniform
- However, children should wear clean clothes each day which could mean that sometimes they have to wear their own clothes to school. Please remember if wearing their own clothes then these should be sensible (no fancy dress/crop tops etc) and fitting for school. If possible try to make these clothes school colours.
- The government advice (currently) is that children and staff do not need to wear face masks at school

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO SCHOOL?

- A school bag – this will be kept on a chair next to your child's place in the classroom (cloakrooms will not be used at all)
- A coat – this will be kept on the chair next to your child's place
- Their lunchbox if they are not having a school packed lunch (please note there will be no hot meals for the foreseeable future)
- Their pencil case containing writing pencils, a pencil sharpener, colouring pencils, an eraser. They may also bring felt pens if they wish (no one will share any of these items)
- A named water bottle to be kept on their desk which will be brought home each evening to be cleaned and re-filled

- A small item for playtime. These items will only be touched by your child. Sadly, children will have to continue to socially distance at playtimes and lunchtimes therefore they may wish to bring something to entertain them. This could be a skipping rope, a book, some colouring, a toy car etc. It cannot be anything which encourages interaction e.g. Pokémon/football cards, a ball etc
- A fruit based snack for playtime (there will be no tuck shop available). This includes Reception and KS1 children as the Government has suspended the free fruit scheme.
- If children are doing P.E. or Forest we will let you know the day before by text. Children will then come to school in their PE/Forest School kit and remain in it all day

WHAT SHOULDN'T MY CHILD BRING TO SCHOOL?

- Sun cream – staff will be unable to apply this but the children may well be spending more time outside. We ask that you apply long lasting sun protection before your child comes to school
- Any toys that encourage interaction

WHAT WILL THE Y1 AND Y6 CLASSROOMS LOOK LIKE?

- Children will have individual desks that are spaced out as close to 2 metres as possible. The children will stay at the same desk and their belongings will be kept on a chair next to them
- Each child will have their pencil case and other belongings on their table next to them ready for the lessons so that they do not need to share anything
- Additional furniture and resources will have been removed from the classrooms to make extra space and help with cleaning

HOW WILL TEACHING & LEARNING BE ORGANISED?

- Wherever possible the teacher will teach from the front of the room using the interactive whiteboard
- Lessons will be as 'normal' as possible with English and Maths being taught in the morning and more topic based activities in the afternoon
- The curriculum will be organised to minimise the use of shared equipment
- Teachers will still be assessing what children understand from lessons – if they mark the books they will wash hands before and after starting the marking process
- Children will be taught, wherever possible, by a familiar adult although in some cases this will not be their normal class teacher
- Children will bring reading books home but these will only be changed once per week (by the teacher/Teaching Assistant) – books being returned from home will go straight into a return box ready to be cleaned
- Staff will use whole class reading strategies but will also try to hear individual readers in some cases but from a sensible distance
- Children in the Reception and Year 1 classes may still at times be asked to come and sit on the carpet. They will have their own marked 'spot' to sit on which will be distanced from their classmates.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT BREAKTIMES?

- At breaktimes children will remain in their bubble. The bubbles will be kept in separate parts of the playground and field. This means that children in different classes will not be able to mix (as per government guidelines)
- Children will be discouraged from using the toilets at breaktime but if they do need it they will use the one which has been allocated to their bubble
- Staff will be enforcing social distancing measures as much as possible during breaktimes so please speak to your children about this
- Staff will be leading socially distanced games
- Children will not be able to use any climbing equipment

- Children can bring in a small item for breaktime/lunchtime. These items will only be touched by your child. This could be a skipping rope, a book, some colouring, a toy car etc. It cannot be anything which encourages interaction e.g. Pokémon/football cards, a ball etc

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT LUNCHTIMES?

- Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms i.e. in their bubble
- Tables will be wiped down prior to eating and after eating
- No hot meals will be available. Children will be able to order a packed lunch from school. There will be a choice of two fillings. For children who are entitled to free school meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (i.e. Reception and Year 1 children) this will continue to be provided free of charge. Year 6 children and those in the Key Worker group can also order a school packed lunch. Year 2 children will be included in the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme, KS2 children will pay via School Money in the usual way
- Each bubble will have an allocated lunchtime supervisor

HOW ELSE WILL YOU KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE?

- Following government guidelines any child showing any coronavirus symptoms will be isolated until they are collected from school. If they should then test positive then their entire bubble of staff and children will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days
- One parent/carer to bring/collect children from school
- Handwashing will be done regularly including at every transition e.g. upon arrival, breaktimes, lunchtimes etc
- Children will only stay in their allocated bubbles, including at breaktimes and lunchtimes
- Children will be encouraged to socially distance as far as possible
- Each bubble will have a consistent adult wherever possible
- Children will only use the toilets allocated to their bubble
- Classrooms have been rearranged – furniture and corridors to allow better social distancing
- Outdoor spaces will be used wherever possible
- Unnecessary items will be removed from classrooms wherever possible e.g. soft furnishings, intricate items
- Rules will be in place for children moving around school/going to the toilet
- Arrival and pick up times will be staggered
- Children will have their own equipment where possible e.g. bring own pencil case from home
- Children who are at all ill should not be brought to school and if they have coronavirus symptoms then parents/carers should arrange for a test
- Classrooms will be well ventilated with windows open
- Wherever possible, and if safe to do so, doors will be kept open to avoid touching door handles etc
- School will be cleaned every day with a deeper clean on a Friday
- Tables, other surfaces and door handles will be wiped regularly
- Staff administering first aid and intimate care will be wearing PPE in the form of gloves, aprons and face covers
- Staff will implement one way systems within the classroom wherever possible
- We are only able to accept children from EYFS, Years 1 & 6 and children of key workers. Unfortunately, we are unable to take siblings or children from any other year groups at present. Home learning will continue to be on our website for these children
- Some staff may choose to wear a face mask to protect themselves
- We need to limit contact between staff and children. If your child usually needs adult assistance for toileting or intimate care (e.g. toilet accidents) please be aware we may be unable to provide this. Your child will need to be as independent as possible or we may need to contact you to collect them
- Training has been provided for all members of staff around safety measures
- Children must come in clean school uniform every day or their own 'blended in' clothing

DO I HAVE TO SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

- Whilst we understand parents may be feeling anxious about sending their children back to school we are doing everything we can to ensure the environment is as safe and as 'normal' as possible
- No parents will be fined for sending their children back to school
- We expect children to attend all day for every day available to them
- Home learning will not be set for children who are able to come to school i.e. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 except for a homework task for them to complete on Friday when they are not in school