

Woodcroft Primary School



School Update – 10.6.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, the Education Secretary (Gavin Williamson) announced that the government were dropping plans for all children to return to primary school before the summer holidays. Where capacity allows, schools can bring back children in different Year Groups but this will be very dependent on each schools staffing and space restrictions. The Government are yet to confirm when they expect all primary school children to return. We are constantly reviewing capacity and if we are able to bring more children back we will. This week, in addition to our Key Worker and vulnerable children groups we have welcomed back Year 1 as well as more children in Year R. Both these Year Groups have settled extremely well considering the adjustments we have had to make in school. We forget sometimes how resilient children are and I am sure after a week or two they will all have settled into their new routines.

Yesterday, we did our first Zoom assembly, which the children and adults alike found highly amusing. **On Friday we have invited all of the children at home to join in and a link has been sent to parents for this.** It is important that cameras are switched off and microphones muted for this session. The children will be able to see us, but we shouldn't be able to see them in this wider format.

Inset day 8th July 2020 – postponed

During lockdown there has been a number of training days that we have missed which is completely understandable due to the circumstances we are in. We have decided to cancel the Inset day scheduled on the 8th July and move it to the end of term.

This means our last day of this Summer term is Tuesday 21st July and we will shut at 1pm.

The first day of the Autumn term 20/21 for children is Monday 7th September.

We will plan this as a normal return until we are given further guidance by the government.

Exciting playground development

Due to the housing development around the school we have been given some additional capital funding that can be spent on long term items for the school. We are replacing the internal wooden fence along the front playground and installing a secure digital gate which will allow access from the walkway into the playground.

Much more exciting is the development of the rear playground. We are repairing the current climbing frame and replacing the Pirate Ship with 3 pieces of children's gym equipment. On the grass area 2 new large climbing frames are going to be installed which have the capacity for 30 children each. These new climbing frames will be used for break and lunch times as well as some outdoor games activities. The work for these are due to commence on Monday 20th July and hopefully will be completed for when the children return.

Year 6

We are currently working with both HTC and Cowplain to support the children's transition to secondary school. Further details will be sent to you as soon as we have it. We are also planning an end of Year BBQ and sports afternoon for you. Mrs Biggs will send details as soon as she has it.

Year 2, 3, 4 & 5

Although it is currently unlikely that pupils in these Year Groups will return before September we will continue to provide home learning and we want children to keep sending through their work on Dojo or email to their teachers. We are also looking at how we can invite each class back for a picnic towards the end of term.

Food support

We currently have a number of food parcels available which include a large tin of beans, cereal and bagels. These are supplied to the school by a charity called Magic Breakfast. If you would like one of these please contact the school office to arrange.

On-site rules

Please can I remind all parents to follow social distancing rules whilst on site. Please remain 2 metres apart from other adults; one adult collecting or dropping off per child; only arrive at your allotted time to drop off or collect; and leave the site promptly once you have dropped off or collected. We are doing everything we can to ensure that children are within their groups during the school day to minimise the risk of transmitting the Corona virus and this needs to be maintained at the beginning and end of the day.

I will keep you all updated as schools receive further guidance from the DFE. I fully appreciate how difficult this period of time has been for children and parents and we will continue to do everything we can to support our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Fanning
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