

# Woodlands Community Primary School



## September 2020 Return to School Frequently Asked Questions - Answered

### **Where do I get the most up to date information?**

The school website is the best place to get the most up to date and accurate information. Save it on your telephone so that you can check it regularly. The website also includes a copy of the school Risk Assessment and information what to do if your child is displaying symptoms.

### **When do the children start school?**

Years 1 to 6 will start school on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. The new EY children will start from Thursday.

### **Why are we using different gates?**

Guidance instructs that the children must enter school at different times and locations to reduce contact between the children. We are NOT permitted to mix these groups on entry or exit. A clear plan of the gates and times has been posted on the website and school gates.

BLUE is the KS 1 gate                      ORANGE is the Car Park Gate                      YELLOW is the Main Entrance Gate

Please help keep everybody safe by only standing at the gate just before your allocated time. Once you have collected your child please move away to create space for the next families- thank you

### **Will Wednesday half days continue?**

NO. School will be full time again from September.

### **Will there be breakfast club?**

There will be a breakfast club but this will start from Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> for years 1 to 6. Children will need to be at school for 8am. Unfortunately, we cannot accept children at different times. The children will be kept in 'bubbles' and not permitted to mix. Food will still be available in Breakfast Club. Due to the new guidelines there will be restrictions on numbers so where possible, please book in advance.

### **How will the children be distanced?**

The children will remain in their class 'bubble' throughout the day including break time. The school play areas have been sectioned and allocated to each class. The children will not mix for maths or other groupings and will not attend assembly or other group gatherings. Children will be reminded regularly of the importance of distancing and regular handwashing.

### **What will they learn?**

Our teachers have been working hard to plan the new curriculum for the next school year; we have rewritten many of the topics and we are really excited to share them with the children. Teachers are

also working together to ensure that all the children are given the best opportunities to catch up on any missed learning.

Over the next year, our curriculum and timetable will be more flexible to respond to the different needs of the children who return to school. We will prioritise their well being and emotional needs.

Children will continue to explore all of the regular primary subjects. We will help the children adapt to the new environment, help them re-establish routines and habits as well as helping to recall prior learning. Staff will also ensure that new learning is introduced at the correct pace.

#### **What will happen at break time?**

Each class has a designated play area where they can have free time with their class but not mix with children from other classes. Children will need to bring a snack to school for break as we will not be selling snacks at this time. Children will sanitise their hands before returning to the classroom. Some playground equipment will not be in use at this time.

#### **What will the children need to bring?**

School will provide all stationery so the children **will not need** pencil cases. They will need to bring a NAMED waterbottle [only water - no juice please as this makes things sticky], their packed lunch and their PE kit [this will remain in school]

#### **Do the children have to wear school uniform?**

Yes. The children need to wear full uniform. Details of what the uniform is for Woodlands is available on the website

#### **Does my child have to go to school?**

Yes- the government has stated that every child should now return to school unless there are justified reasons such as health

#### **Will there be homework?**

There will be some homework. The focus will continue to be in embedding Reading, Spelling and the Times tables. Those children who choose to do additional projects may do so and will be rewarded for their additional efforts.

#### **What happens if my child cannot attend school?**

If your child is unwell, please follow usual protocol and call the school 01827 429020 before the start of the school day. If your child does not attend and we have not been notified we will call you. If you plan to be away due to a holiday please contact the school for a form. If you are needing to self isolate please contact the school with full details so that we can report all of this information to the DFE.

*Further information will be shared at the start of September to ensure that it is the most up to date, including: Track and Trace, What to do if my child has symptoms? And what happens if there is a case in school.*

Woodlands is a child-centred school and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school safely.

We hope that you have an enjoyable rest of the summer holiday.

Thank you for your ongoing support

The Woodlands Team