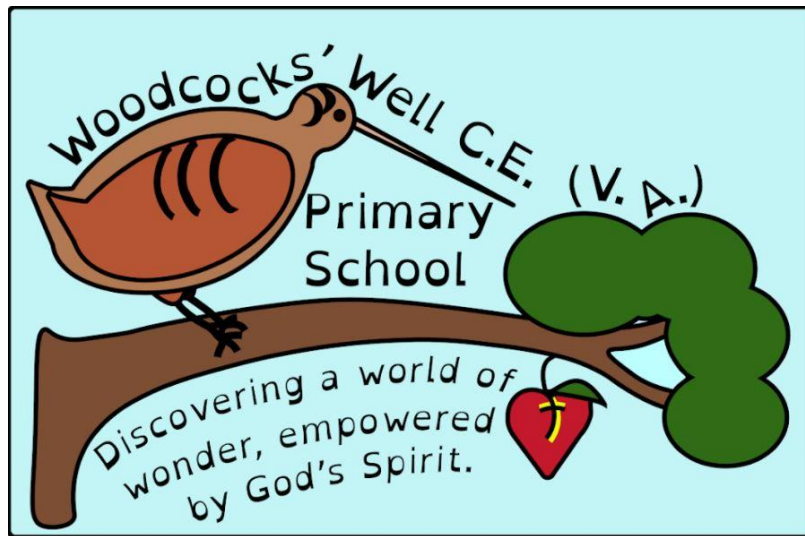


Woodcock's Well CE (VA) Primary School

A Parents' Guide to Returning to School



September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This booklet will hopefully cover everything you need to know for coming back to school in September.

Although we are in Step 4 of the government's road map, we will still be keeping some measures in place; the ones that have had a positive impact upon the children and school-life.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) has not gone away however the risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from Coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are more significant negative health impacts of them being out of school. We know that school is a vital point of contact for public health and safeguarding services that are critical to the wellbeing of children and families.

We have already published a letter to parents explaining what to do if children are symptomatic/asymptomatic and the new isolation rules. This information comes into force during our Summer Break.

This booklet should explain the procedures happening in school. After reading this advice, if you have any further questions about your child's return to school then please email me directly:
head@woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk

Warmest Regards,

Mrs S. Beckett
Headteacher

When will my child return to school?

All children will return to school full-time from Thursday 2nd September 2021.

The children will be in their new class. The Ethos Council did a well-being survey before the Summer Break and found that children are mainly worried about all being 'back together'. They decided to slowly introduce the children back together for breaktimes and Collective Worship over the half-term so as not to overwhelm them.

Does my child have to attend school?

No one with symptoms or any illness should attend a setting for any reason.

It is expected that all children return to school full time. Teachers are required to take their attendance register daily.

What control measures are in place?

Prevention

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Staff wearing PPE when dealing with any instances of first aid or illness of children.

Response to any infection

- Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing unless contacted by NHS Track and Trace.

Parking

Can I please remind all parents to:

- Drive slowly on to the car park - no more than 5 miles per hour
- Not to park in the mouth of the school gates as this causes congestion
- Not to park directly outside the front of the school building
- Be considerate of residents when parking
- Be patient with each other

What will the school day look like?

We would still request Parents and Carers maintain 1m+ social distance. When on site, we request that all adults wear a face covering to reduce the possibility of transmitting any virus.

Dropping children off at the start of the day

Children will be allowed to be dropped off between 8:45am-9:00am

Reception, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) and Lower Key stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) need to be dropped off via the parents' car park, where a member of staff will be there to greet them.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) can enter via their class door at the front of school.

The little gate, at the front of the school next to the hall, will also be open every morning. If you have children in different classes, they may all enter via the same point.

Collecting children at the end of the day

All children will finish school at 3:15pm. Reception, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 children will be dismissed via the parent car park area. The children will be walked up to you

Upper Key Stage 2 children will be dismissed via their classroom door. Siblings will be dismissed together with the **ELDEST** child unless you have a child in Reception where the children will be brought to the parent car park area.

We would still request that only 1 parent, or responsible adult, drop off and collect children daily. This will reduce the number of adults on site at one time. If someone different is collecting your child please let the school office know on the day so we can let the necessary staff members know.

Please do not come on to the school site. The class teacher will send your child/children to you - please be patient with us.

Please leave the site promptly after collection. Please do not allow your child/children to play with or on the equipment outside of school times.

Any messages for teachers need to be sent via Class Dojo/email or message left via the school office. Staff will respond to messages as soon as they possible can.

Children entering/leaving the classroom

Children will continue to follow the same procedures. On entry to the school, they will take their coat off and wash their hands before sitting down to start the school day.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will enter via the main building back door and walk to their classrooms.

What does my child need to bring to school?

Children need to bring to school a variety of equipment in their bag each day. The following list should provide a checklist for parents each day.

- **Stationery** - Clear, plastic pencil case containing pencil, green pen, blue pen, 15cm ruler, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils, glue, scissors. It is important that the pencil case is made from a wipeable material and not 'fur-type' fabric. Please contact school if you are unable to provide this equipment.
- **Water bottle** - This should be filled with clean, **fresh water** every day.

- **Break-time** - Children can bring a **healthy** snack. Please do not send chocolate in for break times. You are also able to order a hot snack/fruit pot from the kitchen via the online payment system.
- **Lunch time** - Hot and cold school meals are on offer and can be ordered through the online payment system. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a Universal Free school meal. In Year 3-6 you may be eligible for a free school meal; follow this link to check https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx. If you are sending in a packed lunch from home, please look at this website for healthy tips and ideas <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.
- **Appropriate clothes and equipment for the weather** - It is ESSENTIAL that children are prepared for the weather such as snow boots, hats, gloves, sun cream.
- **Reading books** - These can still be transported between home and school. Please ensure handwashing takes place at home once books have been handled. Children will be 'benchmarked' during the first week of their return to school and be given a book that reflects their comprehension level from our reading scheme.

Parents can help their child by asking questions like, "Do you have.....?"

Children with pierced ears must only wear studs. They **must** be removed for PE lessons by the child. It is preferable that you remove the earrings at home on PE day to avoid any loss.

Children must not bring in any toys from home.

ALL EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME TO AVOID MIXING BELONGINGS.

What does my child need to wear?

Children will need to wear school uniform. Full uniform details can be found on our webpage and can be order via <https://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/woodcocks/>.

On PE days children will need to come to school in **school PE kits** and trainers. It will prevent the need for children to get changed. If children are doing after school sporting clubs, they will need to bring a change of clothes with them.

Who will be teaching my child?

Children will be taught by their class teacher for the majority of the day. We are fortunate to have additional, qualified, adults who may work with your child in a small group in or out of the classroom. Teachers are entitled to PPA time and this will be covered by qualified, skilled staff who are already employed by school.

What happens at break time?

Morning break

Children will still have a 15-minute morning break. They will be able to order snack from the kitchen or eat the healthy snack provided by home as mentioned above. Free fruit will be available for children in Key Stage 1. Initially, each class will stay in their designated outdoor area and we will begin to 'merge' areas during the first-half term. There is a range of outdoor equipment for the children to use at breaktimes.

Lunch time

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. There are a number of people in school who have severe allergic reactions to a range of nuts resulting in anaphylactic shock. When sending in healthy snacks/packed lunches please ensure food **does not** contain nuts.

In September, Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will eat in the hall. After every week or 2 another class will join them. By half-term all classes will be eating in the hall.

What will my child's classroom look like?

Reception

Reception class will be set up with designated learning areas. There will be a limited number of children allowed in each area. They will be taught to place 'used' toys in a box for cleaning or clean the items themselves. There will be a teacher table where guided learning will take place. Ventilation is key. The windows and doors will be open throughout the day and outdoor learning will be encouraged.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

We are adopting a continuous provision classroom environment. Children will have learning challenges to develop age-related skills within the classroom. There will be a teacher table where guided learning will take place throughout the day. Children will be taught discrete English and Maths every morning with either Miss Pimblott or Mrs McKie. They will also have access to the previous 'Year 1' classroom for learning as well as using this as a cloakroom. Ventilation is key and the windows and doors will be open throughout the day.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Classes will sit in rows facing the front. They will be working in smaller groups during the morning sessions and may move to different areas of the school. Ventilation is key; windows will be open throughout the day.

What will my child be learning at school?

Children will be continuing with their national curriculum lessons. The timings will resume to the usual school day now we are all back together. During the first week we will ensure that children 'settle' back into the school routine.

As we have such amazing grounds, we will also have a weekly Learning outside the classroom session led by Mrs Phillips. You will be told when your afternoon session is in your new class newsletter.

We will continue to use our Google Learning Platform. We will teach the children how to access resources in order to complete their work and deliver lessons. If any child has to self-isolate due to Coronavirus, then this platform will be used to set work.

Will my child still have to complete statutory tests?

The Government have announced that the statutory assessments for the academic year 2021/2022 will be taking place. Children who will be starting Year 2 in September 2021 will be required to complete the phonics screen test in Autumn Term 2.

What if my child needs first aid or intimate care?

Any member of staff dealing with first aid MUST wear PPE when dealing with body fluids, blood, sick etc. There are fully trained first aiders on site.

If a pupil becomes ill, see the section below for full details.

Will my child go on an educational visit or a residential?

We will be resuming educational visits and ensure that the venues we choose are Covid-secure. There will be a bi-annual residential introduced for children in Upper Key Stage 2. Children will use the local outdoor area to support and enhance their learning.

What will happen with cleaning and hygiene at school?

Where possible, children will be encouraged to help clean classrooms on a regular basis. This is following the guidance given. We have an enhanced cleaning regime in place and each area has a PPE box so that adults can clean the space as required.

What if my child becomes ill at school?

If children are poorly, they will be sent home and advised to follow Health and safety isolation periods for example: sickness 48hrs, coronavirus 10days.

If anyone becomes unwell with any Coronavirus symptom, they will be sent home and advised to follow the latest *COVID-19: guidance for households with possible Coronavirus infection*.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE TWO UP-TO-DATE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR EVERY PUPIL THAT IS ATTENDING SCHOOL. PARENTS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR METHOD OF CONTACT (MOBILE ETC) DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Parents must inform us immediately of any results of a test so that school can put the necessary measures into place.

What happens if there is a possible case of coronavirus in school?

The recent letter sent 20.07.21 explained the new Covid testing and isolation arrangements.

School MUST be informed of any outcomes of a COVID test.

We will still have a Covid risk assessment in place in September. If there is an outbreak of positive cases of Coronavirus in school, we will implement our Outbreak Management Plan.

Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting should not be necessary.

Will my child be eligible for testing?

All children and staff are eligible for testing. The Government has made some home test kits available to all schools in September for those parents who have difficulties getting to a test centre. Please speak to us if you need a home test kit. Tests can be booked following this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> .

Will I be able to volunteer in school?

YES! We are very excited to be welcoming volunteers back in September. If you would like to help out, by listening to readers or working with small groups of children, please contact me and we can organise a DBS check.

If I have not answered any question you may have, please email me head@woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible during the Summer Break.