



Woodsetton School

Pupil Re-integration – September 2020

Parent and Carer FAQs

These FAQs should be read in conjunction with the “Woodsetton School’s Covid19 Risk Assessment”, “Woodsetton Charter” and all other corresponding documents.

School Re-opening	
Will school be fully open from 1 st September 2020?	School will be open to all pupils in September. Our KS2 pupils will be starting back on Thursday 3 rd September whilst our KS1 pupils will be returning on Monday 7 th September. All parents / carers of our new pupils starting Woodsetton, including those in Reception have been contacted and start dates have been agreed.
Will the school still have bubbles?	To help reduce of transmission, pupils and staff will work within the following bubbles: Red Bubble – Woodpeckers, Squirrels. Butterflies Green Bubble – Frogs, Owls Blue Bubble – Badgers, Hedgehogs Yellow Bubble – Caterpillars Purple Bubble – SLT, office, lunchtime staff, cleaners
Do all children have to return to school in September?	It is expected that all pupils will return to school in September, however, the Government recognises that some pupils may benefit from a phased return. Please contact school if you wish to discuss this further.
Whole School Safety Measures	
Can you guarantee my child will not come into contact with someone with Covid19 whilst at school?	No. School has written a comprehensive whole school assessment which identifies ways in which we will attempt to minimize the risk of cross-infection. The school remains split into bubbles to minimise the number of people each individual comes into contact with.
Can you guarantee social distancing within school?	No. Many of our pupils often require some element of physical support during their time at school. However, control measures are in place to reduce this where possible.
Will all staff be tested for Covid19 before working in school?	No. Covid19 testing is only available to those who are displaying known symptoms.
Will staff be wearing PPE? Can my child wear a mask?	All staff will be wearing masks/visors where social distancing cannot fully be maintained e.g. in corridors, social areas and/or the classroom. Full PPE will be worn for certain tasks e.g. first aid

	Masks only prevent the spread of infection if worn correctly. School is of the view that children should not wear masks in school.
Will visitors, including parents, be allowed in school?	Any visitors in school will be by appointment only. School will be minimising face to face contact. Parents will not be allowed in school unless by prior agreement of the Headteacher.
The family of a child who is attending school is not following Government guidelines on social distancing. What will happen?	School is not able to police the actions of families outside of school. However, where there is clear evidence that families are not following social distancing guidelines (eg if social distancing is not being adhered to on school premises), school will speak with individual families as deemed appropriate.
My child is displaying symptoms. Can they come to school?	<p>No. Anyone displaying the following symptoms should remain at home – new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).</p> <p>Latest PHE guidance on self isolation (3rd September 2020) states: <i>“If you have symptoms of COVID-19 however mild, self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.</i> <i>If you are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms during this isolation period, restart your 10-day isolation from the day you developed symptoms.</i> <i>After 10 days, if you still have a temperature you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. You do not need to self-isolate after 10 days if you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.</i> <i>If you live with others, all other household members need to stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.”</i></p> <p>If you are unsure, please contact school via telephone and we will contact Dudley PHE to further guidance/advice prior to your child’s return to school.</p>

What happens if my child starts to display symptoms whilst at school?	If your child starts to display symptoms at school, then they will be taken to our isolation room by a member of staff from their bubble. They will be overseen and monitored by a first aider who will be in full PPE. Parents will be expected to collect their child immediately and should ensure that they have provided school with up to date emergency contact details. The school will provide details to parents on how to obtain a test for their child. Refer to Woodsetton Charter.
What will happen if a member of staff who is supporting my child starts to display symptoms?	If a member of staff who is supporting your child starts to display symptoms, then they will be directed to go home and arrange for a Covid19 test. School will contact PHE and follow advice/instructions given.
How will handwashing be managed in school?	All staff and children in school will be expected to wash their hands regularly. Staff will support children to ensure they are washing correctly – PPE will be worn during this time. Where a child refuses to wash their hands, a discussion between school and parents will take place. Hand sanitizer will also be available at all times.
My child is in the BAME group. What measures are being put in place?	It is recognised that those from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups are at an increased risk of contracting Covid19. School believes that the measures identified in the whole school risk assessment mitigate these risks as far as is reasonably practicable within the current situation.
Organisation	
Can my child still access school transport?	Yes. If your child previously accessed school transport, then this will be provided. We have requested that Home2School transport support us as a school with our bubbles and transport pupils within these bubbles or in sibling groups.
Will my child be in their normal classroom?	When children return in September, they will be in their new classrooms in their new classes. Most children will be with staff they already know and a number will have the same class teacher as last year. Everyone had letters vis parent hub stating who their teachers were and what class they would be in.
Will school be operating a normal curriculum?	We will endeavour to make school as “normal” as we possibly can however some elements will not be covered in the first instance. For the first couple of weeks, we will be partaking in our recovery curriculum which will focus on PSHE and mental health/wellbeing as well as focusing on key maths and English skills. We will assess all children at the start of the year to that an appropriate curriculum, targets and focus work can be delivered for each individual child. Children will be classroom based but will also utilise the outdoor area on a rota basis. Soft furnishings and resources that are difficult to clean have been removed. School is unable to offer the use of specialist rooms or equipment, e.g. ICT suite/library and sensory room due to the risk of cross- infection, however we will continue to review this and as soon as possible we will include these areas into our everyday

	<p>learning. Also, the hall is unable to be used as it is currently being used to store soft furnishings and a space for staff to use during lunchtimes.</p> <p>At present, there are no offsite visits planned (including swimming) however this will continue to be reviewed and reintroduced as soon as it is safe to do so.</p> <p>Assemblies/circle time will be in class.</p>
What will happen at lunchtime?	<p>School is currently unable to provide hot dinners as these are brought in from another local school. At present we are able to provide packed lunches for those pupils in receipt of free school meals and/or universal free school meals. All other children are asked to bring in packed lunches. Please ensure that containers / lunch boxes used can be easily cleaned. It is hoped that we will soon be able to offer the option of purchasing packed lunches from our catering team – we will notify you once this is possible.</p>
Will my child be able to use the outdoor play equipment?	<p>Yes. Over the last few months, we have had an amazing new adventure playground and playground tower unit installed. The Early Years playground has also had significant improvements made to it also. (see website for photos).</p> <p>These new areas will be used on a weekly rota system within bubble groups. When on rota, these areas may also be encompassed into PE lessons.</p>
Will my child need to wear school uniform	<p>Yes (except on PE and Forest School days when tracksuits etc will be allowed - See class pages on website for set days).</p> <p>Children must come to school in clean clothes each day, whether that is their uniform or home clothes on PE and Forest School days.</p> <p>If you / your child would prefer to come into school in their school uniform every day, this is also not a problem. Please ensure they bring their forest clothes and PE kit in on the allocated days.</p> <p>As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child has warm clothes//coat in school.</p>
Will my child attend school full time?	<p>Yes, but timings are slightly different to normal as we have a staggered start and end to the day to aid children's and everyone else's safety during these congested times.</p> <p>All pupils arriving by taxi will arrive at 9.15am and depart at 3.15pm</p> <p>Pupils being brought in and picked up from school by parents/carers are as follows:</p> <p>Butterflies and Woodpeckers: 8.50am – 2.50pm</p> <p>Squirrels, Owls and Frogs: 9.00am – 3.00pm</p> <p>Hedgehogs and Badgers: 9.10am – 3.10pm</p> <p>Caterpillars: To be discussed during induction with parents individually</p>
What will happen at the start and end of the day?	<p>All children being dropped off by parents/carers will enter and exit school via allocated routes at the allocated drop off / pick up times (see above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Butterflies - external classroom door ○ Squirrels – playground / external classroom door

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Woodpeckers – front entrance ○ Owls – front entrance ○ Frogs – front entrance ○ Hedgehogs – playground / external classroom door ○ Badgers - front entrance ○ Caterpillars – front entrance ○ Taxi pupils will enter / exit via the hall (having been escorted by bubble staff) <p>A member of SLT will be outside to oversee that all children enter / exit school as quickly and safely as possible.</p> <p>When walking down the path into school / waiting to drop off/pick up, please keep to the left and ensure that you wait on the dots located on the path to support with social distancing.</p> <p>Parents/carers are politely reminded to maintain social distancing at all times and to keep the exit route clear (ie this will automatically happen if everyone keeps to the left) so that children/parents leaving can do so safely</p> <p>Children arriving by taxi will be collected from the taxi by bubble staff and escorted into school via the hall</p>
<p>Will home to school diaries still be used? Can I speak to the staff in my child’s class at the start/end of the day?</p>	<p>Home/school diaries will be used to support communication between home and school. Unfortunately staff will not be able to have lengthy conversations at the end of the day as taxi pupils will still be in class and cleaning/preparation has to be completed pre and post children being in school, however, the member of SLT on duty will happily pass on messages for you.</p> <p>Staff will continue to be able to speak on the telephone when not in class or can communicate via Tapestry / email.</p> <p>If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can support you as quickly as possible.</p>
<p>Will my child have first aid administered if needed?</p>	<p>Yes. There will always be a named first aider available. Full PPE will be worn by staff when carrying out first aid.</p>

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