



# Woodsetton School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the year draws to a close, we have been turning our attention towards September with a view to the full return of pupils in line with recent government guidance. You will be well aware of the operational challenges that the school has faced throughout the pandemic crisis, and we are likely to face further challenges during the Autumn Term. Whilst we await further government guidance due to be announced in August, we have prepared a plan for September opening that I would now like to share with you. Regardless of any subsequent adjustments, our plan has placed the safety and wellbeing of children as our key priority.

## Bubbles

To help reduce of transmission, pupils and staff will work within the following bubbles:

Class	Year group
Caterpillars	Reception
Badgers	Y1
Hedgehogs	Y2
Frogs	Y3
Owls	Y4
Squirrels	Y5
Butterflies	Y6
Woodpeckers	Mixed KS2 complex

In addition to this, there will also be a Purple Bubble to cover all other staff (office, SLT, lunchtime staff, cleaners etc)

Please note that we are aware that some families at Woodsetton have pupils in multiple year groups and therefore cover multiple bubbles however we feel that it is best that these pupils remain in their colour bubbles linked to their class as opposed to being taught away from their peers/friends.

## Start and end of school day

All staff will return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, whilst KS2 pupils will return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and KS1 pupils will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

To reduce congestion and minimise risk to both pupils and parents at the beginning and end of the school day, we have created a staggered start and end to the day as well as a one way system on our pedestrian pathway into school. Where possible, we request only one parent to bring/collect their child from school to avoid large groups gathering. I appreciate there will be some inconvenience, but this needs to be strictly adhered to in the interests of everyone's safety.

We are asking parents to drop off and pick children at the following times. Please note that this is only for pupils who arrive / depart with parents/carers (not those on transport).

Children in Woodpeckers and Butterflies should arrive at 8.50a.m. Woodpeckers will enter the school building through the front entrance whilst Butterflies will enter via the old Library (which has now been converted into their new classroom).

At the end of the school day, these children will need to be collected at 2.50pm again from the front entrance for Woodpeckers, and the old library/new classroom for Butterflies.

Children in Frogs, Owls and Squirrels should arrive at 9.00a.m. Frogs and Owls will enter the school building through the front entrance whilst Squirrels will enter via the playground.

At the end of the school day, these children will need to be collected at 3.00pm again from the front entrance for Frogs and Owls, and the playground entrance for Squirrels.

Children in Badgers and Hedgehogs should arrive at 9.10a.m. Badgers will enter the school building through the front entrance whilst Hedgehogs will enter via the playground.

At the end of the school day, these children will need to be collected at 3.10pm again from the front entrance for Badgers, and the playground entrance for Hedgehogs.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if this presents a difficulty for you.

For those pupils arriving by taxi (KS1 and KS2) we have asked the Home to School transport Team to explore their capacity to bring children in to school in their bubble / family groups. Subsequently they have asked school to contact parents and collate information about requirements for September.

A short questionnaire has been created for those parents currently in receipt of transport and I ask that this is completed asap but no later than noon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Links can be found on Parent Hub.

Taxi pupils will arrive at 9.15a.m and enter/exit school via hall doors (same as pre Covid-19). Children will then go directly to their classes and at the end of the school day will leave at 3.15pm (again, same as pre Covid-19)

### **Curriculum**

We are aware that some children have not been in education for many months and have accessed varied learning opportunities. In the first few weeks of the Autumn term we will be focusing on pupils mental health and well-being, whilst at the same time re-establishing routines. In the first instance our recovery curriculum will focus on key skills, the assessment of any gaps in learning and will then build up over time to cover all curriculum areas.

### **School meals**

Woodsetton is not a cooking kitchen and our meals are provided externally. In the first instance Dudley Catering are able to provide packed lunches for pupils in receipt of Universal and Free School Meals. Consequently we will be asking all other parents to provide packed lunches from home. Please note that this will be reviewed at the end of September.

### **Uniform**

It is important that all pupils and staff come into school in clean clothes every day. I understand that this may present a problem for some parents, so to support families with this, we are asking pupils to come into school in home clothes on PE and forest school days to enable uniform to be washed/dried. If any parents struggle with this, please contact me directly.

I am hopeful that the Government announcement on 11<sup>th</sup> August will not impact on these initial plans for September. Please be assured that I will be in touch if there are any significant changes in the meantime.

If you have any further queries or require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office. For emergency enquiries over the summer break, please contact me on 07835 511437

Yours sincerely  
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