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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

COVID 19 – Reopening Plan Update

It has been our pleasure to welcome back our Year One children this week. We thank all our children in Year Six, Reception, Year One and our three Vulnerable/Key Worker Emergency Provisions (V/KW EP) for their support of all our procedures in place to prevent the spread of the virus. The strict protocols outlined in the **Reopening Plan** are in place to keep us all safe and the way they are being upheld by everyone in school is commendable.

As we prepare to welcome Nursery children next week to their usual learning space, the staggered approach to drop off and collection remains, if anything, even more crucial. We do thank all parents for abiding by this to date as it has enabled us to keep the class 'bubbles' separate. To **promptly** arrive, drop/collect your child and leave, **avoiding any gatherings** or waiting at the school gates is really important and will continue to be as more children return to learning on the premises. We will be putting posters on the gates with timing reminders as we know how confusing it can be with children of different ages and we thank you for persevering with the inconvenience this can bring. However, it is still necessary. For clarification here are the timings again from next Monday, 22nd June for our two entrance gates.

Hesketh Lane Gate (by car park exit)

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Collect</u>
Y6	8.30a.m.	2.20p.m.
V/KW EP.		
Y3/Y4/Y5	9.30a.m.	3.20p.m.

Westerton Road Gate

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Collect</u>
Reception	8.30a.m.	2.20p.m.
Year 1	8.50a.m.	2.40p.m.
Nursery	9.10a.m.	3.00p.m.
V/KW EP.		
Y2	9.30p.m.	3.20p.m.

We are encouraged by our progress to date with the Reopening Plan. Furthermore we are optimistic that every child on roll at Westerton will have had the opportunity for two days of face to face learning per week alongside the home learning, during the last two weeks of this academic year. The cooperation of our whole community will help this to happen and to keep the Plan on track. However, we do understand the anxieties that are preventing some parents from taking this opportunity at the moment and we now seek to reassure everyone with the measures we are taking so seriously to protect us all.

Our Risk Assessment is extremely detailed and we have uploaded our **Decision-Making Flowchart** to the website to illustrate our actions should a case of COVID 19 symptoms be suspected. Please do peruse this. If your child has not yet taken up the place offered in their **own year group**, it will remain available to them at the specified times until the end of term, in the hope that they will be able to join us before we break for the Summer.

There will be no Summer Club provision at Westerton this year due to the extent of the works on the premises. To our knowledge, at present, there are no clubs to be offered in our neighbouring academies for similar reasons but we will keep you informed if this changes or we learn of other provisions.

Mrs Salter has posted further information regarding the re-opening of Nursery on Tapestry for parents to view.

We do have a very inspiring Writing Competition compiled by our Literacy Leaders, Miss Henderson and Mrs Dawson and I look forward to reading the entries. Please do encourage your child to be involved and consider the additional information attached, the pictures are rather extraordinary!

Our Year 6 children are busy preparing for their transition to secondary school, even in the current circumstances and we are delighted to have been able to have them back with us in school this term. Links to the Friendship Request and Data Collection surveys for our Year 6 children were emailed to parents recently and links to these are also on the Woodkirk Academy website. Our Woodkirk colleagues would be grateful if you could complete these as soon as possible in preparation for the new Year 7 intake next term.

The time does seem to be flying by this term. Please do make the most of any good weather which might come our way this weekend and continue to stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Stephanie Makin
Principal and the Westerton Team