

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS about SEPTEMBER REOPENING

<p>Will the school day be normal?</p>	<p>Please see above adaptations to drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>These are for Autumn 1 – until half term, in the first instance.</p> <p>However, for Health and Safety reasons these timings may need to be adjusted – if so we will inform you.</p> <p>It is VERY IMPORTANT that you stick to the timings and locations given. Abuse of staff or other parents/carers will not be tolerated and could result in site bans.</p> <p>The whole school community, staff, parents/carers and children are having to adapt and change behaviour at this time.</p>
<p>Will my child study all of their subjects as usual?</p>	<p>In Autumn 1 there will be some adaptations and these will be reviewed.</p> <p>All pupils will NOT have computing this half term – Purple Mash will still be accessible from home. It is felt that the Health and Safety risk of every class visiting the ICT suite is not practical and pupils have had a lot of online exposure.</p> <p>Pupils in Years 1 -6 will not have a weekly Art or Design Technology lesson: instead they will have one block day towards the end of term.</p> <p>Reception, Y1 and Y2 will not have French.</p> <p>The time will be spent on additional key skills of English and Maths.</p>
<p>When will my child be tested to see if they have gaps?</p>	<p>Our pupils' welfare and wellbeing is our priority.</p> <p>Welcoming them back to school, rebuilding stamina and behaviour for learning, embedding routine and structure as well as building a nurturing classroom environment and relationship with their new teacher will be the focus.</p> <p>Our teachers will be assessing pupils and gaining insight about their abilities during the daily lessons – this is the best way to identify any gaps.</p>

	<p>In the first week there will be the standard times tables and year group spelling tests.</p> <p>Other testing will not take place until the start of October and you will be informed of this at parents' consultation evening.</p> <p>The worse thing that you can do is worry about this and put pressure on yourself and your child. During this unique situation everyone has done their best and we now need to focus on the future, positively.</p>
Will my child be taught everything that they missed?	<p>This is not possible.</p> <p>Your child may miss some certain topics but our curriculum, based on the National Curriculum, is built around developing skills and knowledge and this progresses across the school.</p> <p>Lessons will be adapted to support the children with this.</p>
In 2021, will there still be Y6 and Y2 SATS, Y4 multiplication test, Y1 phonics and Reception Early Years Foundation Stage profile?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>At the moment the Government has said these will all still go ahead as usual.</p>
Will parents' evening be the same in October – a meeting with the teacher in my child's classroom?	<p>This most likely will be by telephone this year - you will be informed .</p>
Will my child's class do an assembly in the hall that I can come and watch?	<p>Not during Autumn 1 – this will be reviewed.</p>
Will the usual Meet the New Year group meeting take place in the second week of term? What about applying to High School or Reception?	<p>This will be a video PowerPoint which will be sent to you.</p> <p>We will keep you updated and informed of application deadlines and support you to apply.</p>
Will my child's class do a Christmas show?	<p>TBC - These take place in Autumn 2 and you will be informed whether or not we can go ahead.</p>
Will my child's class go on trips?	<p>There will be no trips on public transport or coaches during Autumn 1 – this will be reviewed.</p> <p>Classes may go on a local area walking trip – you will be informed.</p>

Will Y3 and Y4 go swimming?	Not at the moment but we will follow guidance and update you.
Will my child's lunchtime and break time be the same?	Having a break and exercising is important but there will be a rota in place and the playground will be restricted into zones. Your child may be allocated to eat their lunch in the classroom or in the hall, all children will have time outside.
Will the whole school close again?	This is an extremely small possibility and it is a decision that would be taken with Public Health England and the Local Authority. Please, please adhere to all the guidance if your child or family have symptoms and follow hygiene advice.
What if there is a local lockdown?	We would have to follow the Government's guidance on this which could mean school would close.
Will my child's class or year group close down and not be able to come to school? Even if my child is not ill.	If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within a class, or a year group, that class or year group would potentially have to stay at home for 14 days or whatever was recommended by Public Health England. Please, please adhere to all the guidance if your child or family have symptoms and follow hygiene advice.
What would happen if the school or class or year group had to stay at home?	Those pupils would have to go back to online learning/learning at home. This would not be ideal and would have to be dealt with and organised should it arise. It is anticipated that it would be a continuation of the existing online provision, paper packs and where possible live or video teaching. Please, please adhere to all the guidance if your child or family have symptoms and follow hygiene advice.
Will my child be given extra homework to make up what they have missed?	Whilst some parents may want this, some won't and it is not an effective method. We want healthy and happy pupils, ready to learn in class with their teacher as this is the very best way to catch up. Please continue with the homework set as usual.
Will my child have extra lessons to make up what they have missed?	There are only so many hours in a day and so many staff available.

	Please allow us to work with your child in the best possible way. The school closure will not define their future as having gaps or missing out.
What if my child feels a bit ill in the morning? I'm sure they will be fine later.	You must not send your child in if they are at all poorly. As a matter of course, we ask you to check with them verbally in the morning how they are feeling. You know your child best. This is so important. We may check your child's temperature during the day.
What if my child becomes ill during the day?	If your child became ill in school they would be isolated immediately and would be supported by a member of bubble staff (who may or may not need to wear full PPE, dependent on symptoms and comfort level needed). You will need to collect as quickly as you can as isolation and PPE are not pleasant and we do not want to expose any child to those circumstances for any length of time. Your child and family members may need to be tested before they can return to school depending on the symptoms and illness.
What if my child has new symptoms of COVID-19? What if someone else in our house has COVID-19?	If your child or a member of your family have symptoms of COVID- 19, a new persistent cough or a temperature (please see Public Health England Guidance on this) then you must all self-isolate for 14 days. Please inform school, so that we can inform others and tests can be ordered. We are being equally stringent with all staff members. Tests can be ordered through Public Health England/NHS.
What if a child or member of staff is confirmed to have COVID-19?	If we have a confirmed COVID -19 case in school, then that class would need to be closed and staff and all children (and their respective families) would need to self- isolate for 14 days, tested. All other classes could remain open, but not to siblings of a child from the closed bubble.
Can I pop into the school office? No.	All communication to be via email or by telephone. Please request calls or meetings via email or telephone. Face to face meetings may not always be possible.
What about lunch – what will they eat? For Autumn 1 –it will be packed lunch only.	Packed lunches from home to be in a labelled, washable lunchbox or bag to throw away. This will ensure that they can be washed or anti-bacterial wiped off each night. Or ordered from school as usual. FSM pupils will receive a packed lunch.
Does my child need a water bottle? Yes.	Water bottles to be provided from home and taken home each night to be washed.
Does my child need their book bag? Yes.	We will be sending home a reading book as usual. Please avoid back packs and other bags. No pencil cases.
Should my child wear school uniform? Yes	Please follow our regular uniform policy. It is advisable that children change out of their uniform when they return home. Please keep uniform clean and wash it as often as is possible.

Does my child need PE kit and PE bag? Trainers/sports shoes only.	No PE kits- please just bring a change of shoes for PE. In Autumn 1 PE will be socially distanced and we will exercise in our uniform clothes and trainers.
Can my child bring their own toys, games or balls in? No.	No toys or extra items that are not needed to be brought into school.
Should adults socially distance on school property? Yes.	Two metre social distancing must be maintained by all adults at all times. Parents/carers will wait outside the main front gate, observing social distancing and must keep their children with them at all times. Please be patient and respectful.
Can I visit the school during the day? No.	Please call or email in.
Will other people visit the school during the day?	Visitors to school will only be when needed and social distancing will be closely observed and monitored e.g. therapists, social workers, plumbers and electricians.
Will there be Breakfast Club and Aktiva?	Yes - please book as normal from Monday 7 th September.
Will there be after school clubs?	No, sadly we cannot operate these for Autumn 1 – we will review this before half term and let you know as soon as possible before half term if clubs will operate in Autumn 2.
My child has music lessons – will they continue?	We are awaiting information. You will be contacted if your child previously had lessons.
Must my child come to school 5 days a week? YES.	From September attendance is compulsory and your child must attend school unless sick.
Will I be fined if I decide not to send my child in?	Possibly. The Government has said that parents should be fined. We will endeavour to work with parents/carers before issuing fines.
Will the behaviour policy be more relaxed? No.	We will still expect pupils to follow our school rules and especially show examples of our school values.

	You may be asked to collect your child if their behaviour is not acceptable or puts others at risk such as spitting. During this time we will not have the capacity to be as accommodating as usual and ask for your support on this matter
Can my child wear a mask?	Children can wear masks on their journey to and from school but we ask that the parent/carer removes the mask at the gate and take it away. It is hard for children to maintain the sterileness of a mask once in a class. *Government guidance about masks is being updated regularly and we will follow that*.
Will staff wear masks?	Staff may choose to wear a mask but will always uncover their mouths when talking to children. *Government guidance about masks is being updated regularly and we will follow that*.
What if my child has medical needs or has an accident/toileting accident in school?	We will be following our usual first aid policies but staff should take the additional precaution of wearing PPE. We may also be calling for you to come in and support or take your child home in certain situations.
How should I travel to school?	You are encouraged to walk, or drive wherever possible. If you use public transport please follow Tfl guidelines.
Why are there lines, arrows and barriers on the school paths?	To help maintain social distancing. Please do follow them. Please do not talk on your phones and ignore staff or not move along promptly. Do not chat or wait for friends. Please wait patiently, abuse of staff or other parents will not be tolerated.
How many people can drop off and collect children?	Only one adult per child should join the queue please. We understand that you may have to bring siblings with you.
Can we arrive late?	Please get into good routines and habits and be prompt, whilst understanding we may have queues here.
Will Woodlands ARP pupils integrate?	Not for the Autumn 1 term – to be reviewed.
Will my child bring home a reading book?	Yes they will.
Is there hand sanitiser in school?	Yes there is. You do not need to send it in with your child.
Will my child have emotional support?	We will continue our good practice of focussing on all your child's needs. Please inform us of any bereavements and other important information.

In the first instance, we will be following our regular school policies and Government guidelines but may talk to or challenge anyone who puts the safety of others a risk.

We thank you for following our school values of



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