

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed some well-earned rest and family time during this summer holiday after the exceptional life stresses we have faced this year. I wanted to update you on my own situation as I have been directed by occupational health to continue working from home for the time being. This is due to an identified health condition and medication I am currently on. I am obliged to follow this guidance as the condition currently places me in the highest risk category for complications arising from COVID19. I hope to be off the medication soon which will enable me to return to work.

In the meantime, I will continue to work from home. Mr Asplin will continue to manage the school for any issues which arise on the day. I will be in regular contact with the staff and children through leading INSET, briefings, staff meetings and assemblies through teams. There will be frequent opportunities for me to discuss with your child's teacher how they are progressing both academically and socially. Regular work and planning analysis will enable me to monitor the quality of education in the school. If you have any questions regarding your child's education please email me and I will respond by email or phone call as soon as possible. Coronavirus continues to have a huge impact on all our lives and I am very sorry that it is currently preventing me from being in school. This is not a situation I am at all comfortable with but I must follow the advice of my consultant, Occupational Health and HR. The chair of governors is fully aware of this and is managing this situation.

Mrs Chadbourne has also been directed by occupational health to work from home due to medical treatment she is having. She will be providing 1 to 1 tuition for pupil premium children through Microsoft Teams. Miss Long is poorly. Miss MacFarlane (a supply teacher new to the school) will be covering Y5.

I appreciate this is a very challenging time for everyone, children, parents and staff. The beginning of the school year always brings challenges of its own, this year will bring even more because of the lockdown and the COVID 19 restrictions. Please be reassured I will return to school as soon as possible. In the meantime, I will be always available for staff and parents so that we can work together in the best interests of the children. Please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing office@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk

Here is a video you might like to share with your children, even with all the challenges we face we are determined to make this a wonderful year for our whole school community.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_gKrbWFjNc&t=9s

Warmest wishes

Mr Hopwell

ALLERGIES FOR LUNCH/BREAKS

Please do not send in any products with NUTS or LEGUMES (PEAS, GREEN BEANS, CHICK PEAS, LENTILS – ANYTHING IN A POD) or HUMOUS DIPS. We have a number of children with severe allergies. Children can bring in a healthy snack, no chocolate, crisps or sweets please.

Staggered start and finish times to keep different bubbles apart as they arrive at and leave schools. This means the school day would have different start and finish times for each class. However, schools are asked to ensure that the total amount of teaching time pupils receive remains the same, eg an earlier start would mean an earlier finish for pupils. In making these arrangements we have tried to minimise crossover with preschool start and finish times. Lunchtimes have been staggered meaning some afternoon sessions are shorter. This has also meant junior classes will not have an afternoon playtime. I appreciate this will cause some difficulties for many families. If you have children in different classes you can take your child to classes 5 and 6 from 8.50 am because teachers will be able to supervise the classroom from their entrance.

	Reg	End
EYFS	8.50	3.10
1	8.55	3.30
2	8.45	3.20
3	8.45	3.10
4	8.50	3.15
5	8.55	3.20
6	9	3.25

We ask that parents do not arrive earlier to the site in order to avoid a large congregation of people.

Communication with class teachers

We believe communication between school and home is essential. Sadly COVID 19 restrictions will mean this will not be the same as before. If you need to get a message to your child's teacher please email admin@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk. We will respond as soon as possible. The class email addresses are no longer being used.

Work on VLE

There will be work on the VLE available for children in Y1, 3, 4 and 5 for the days they are not in school this week.

Extra curricular clubs

Dance, musical theatre, Spanish, French and musical tuition will hopefully restart after half term. Tennis will start in September because this is outside, we are aiming to minimise the number of people visiting the school in the first half term. The after school clubs, run by Mr Robinson will not be running due to lack of demand.

Phased return

In order to manage the return to school in September we have planned a phased return with Y2 and Y6 starting on the Wednesday, Y1 and Y3 on Thursday, Y4 and Y5 on Friday. This will help the children and staff ensure the new plans and procedures we have put in place are robust and manageable.

A one way system is in place, safety signs are up on paths and gates around the school to remind parents and children of expectations when moving around the site. When accessing the school from the bottom of Lingwood Lane (the church end), please use the school side of the pavement when walking your children to school and then return down the opposite side by the Governor's Field once you have dropped the children off and are leaving. The pavement between the village hall car park and main entrance should only be needed for walking down Lingwood Lane, as you will return to the village hall car park via the path on the school field. This should hopefully make it easier to maintain social distancing.

If you need to come in your car we would ask that Year 4, 5 and 6 park at the bottom of Lingwood Lane, The Nags Head or at the Four Bells. EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3 parents park in the Village Hall car park.

Lunchtimes All children will be able to have a school dinner should they wish in line with their normal pattern as the kitchen will be fully operational. Normal payment procedures will be continuing. If the children would like to have a packed lunch they can bring it in with them in their usual manner. The school cooks will be serving school dinners in each of the junior classrooms to avoid large groups of children coming together, infants will have their dinners in the hall in separate classes.

Please note there is a menu change on Thursday, 3rd September, the first weeks menu will be:-

2nd Sept - Sausage and mashed potatoes

3rd Sept – Spaghetti Bolognese

4th Sept – Fish finger wrap

Uniform Children would usually be wearing their summer uniform. Children are encouraged to wear trainers if they have them, as we won't be getting changed for PE. Please do not send in any bags or books.

Water Bottles Children must bring in a full water bottle each day and take it home with them to be washed.

Home School Agreement Please read the COVID 19 home school agreement. You must email admin@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk that you agree to this before September. Please go through this with your child just before school starts in September.

Playtimes All children will have a morning playtime, infants will have an afternoon playtime too. However, these will be staggered to ensure minimum contact with others outside of their classes.

Curriculum

Our curriculum will be based on "The Recovery Curriculum." Whilst we will be aiming to establish routines for the children, we have planned our curriculum to support children in adjusting to the new circumstances and developing their understanding of their experiences of lockdown.

We aim to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, it is ambitious: all pupils will continue to be taught a wide range of subjects. Government guidance is *"The majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, religious education and relationships and health education. Prioritisation within subjects of the most important components for progression is likely to be more effective than removing subjects. We need to make adjustments to their curriculum based on our assessments of pupils' learning and progress as they return to school. This is likely to involve considering which key concepts missed from the summer term now need to be covered."*

Reception area of school

Parents **must not** come into reception unless it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. All communication should be done via email or telephone. The intercom will be cleaned throughout the day. The hatch windows will be kept shut to protect those working in reception. Social distancing marking is in place, only one person in reception at a time please. There is signage on gate / door advising of procedures and we will inform you of procedures via

intercom. There will be frequent cleaning regime of hand contact points and hand gel available. There is a drop box for parents to return letters and other items in reception.

The fire assembly point

The fire assembly point has been moved to the playing field to maximise social distancing whilst maintaining safe distance from the building.

All staff, pupils, contractors and visitors will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, remembering the importance of proper drying;

- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks / sporting activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food (inc.snacks)
- Before leaving school

Staff will supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.

Government stay at home guidance

NHS guidance relating to coronavirus symptoms is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The Government stay at home guidance **MUST** be followed if pupils become unwell with;

- A new continuous cough, or
- A high temperature
- Anosmia (loss of or change in normal sense of smell. It can also affect sense of taste)

The government stay at home guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

If your child shows symptoms whilst at school, they will be moved to the music room which is to be used as the isolation area until their parent arrives. Staff supervising your child in that area, **MUST** maintain a distance of 2m. Where this cannot be maintained (e.g. for a very young child or child with complex needs) PPE will be worn. You will be contacted by school and your child must be collected **IMMEDIATELY**.

Launch of the #backtoschoolsafely campaign

The DfE have launched a [#backtoschoolsafely](#) campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September. This is part of the Government's wider Stay Alert campaign. You will see newspaper and billboard advertising which will run until early September, alongside wider engagement with the teaching profession and local communities. The latest statistics from the Office for National Statistics show there is growing confidence among parents that their children will return to school in September, testament to the hard work of school staff. Parents are encouraged to visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school.

Barnardo's 'See Hear Respond' service

See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies. Working with

its partners, Barnardo's aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place. See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 or via the [online referral hub](#).