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Dear Parents

Yesterday and today the children in EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 started back at school. A sincere thank you to you all for following the new social distancing regulations, including the parking and one way system. Thanks also to the staff for making the start so positive for the children and finally thank you children, we are very proud of you.

There is an option for parents to speak to their child's new teacher on Tuesday 8th September between 3.40 and 4.40. The appointments will be using Jotter Call, instructions are at the end of this newsletter. You should email admin to request a phone call, your user name and appointment time will be sent to you. If possible, we would appreciate your flexibility about the times to call, this will allow the teachers to call from school in a socially distanced way. Please note phone calls using Jotter Call will only be accepted through prearranged meetings. These meetings will be short, we will have longer meetings in October, because we need to be mindful of the time we are asking teachers to dedicate to these meetings as well as the time they need to plan and prepare for the teaching. If necessary we may need to offer some meetings on 15th September.

We usually have a variety of meetings throughout the year for parents to give information about teaching and learning, with guidance on how you can help from home. We would like to trial using Microsoft Teams to provide this with an EYFS Phonics Parents Meeting on Tuesday 15th September at 10am. If you have any questions about the EYFS curriculum please email them to school before and we will answer them either at the meeting or in a newsletter. It will also be recorded so you can see it on the VLE at a later date. Please email admin@ if you would like to attend. If it works we will plan further meetings throughout the year for other year groups and subjects.

There is a letter below from the Chair of Governors. I am very grateful for the support of the staff, governing body, local authority and school improvement partner during this time.

Milk is being delivered and has been distributed this morning for those that have signed up. We have just been notified the fruit scheme is due to start in October, please send a healthy snack in for your child.

As you are aware Mrs Chadbourne and Miss Long are being covered by Miss MacFarlane, we hope both teachers will be back in school soon. They are missing Year 5 and wish the children the best start to the school year. We will ensure there is a good transition for the teachers and children once they are back in school.

We are continuing to work with Leos to try to ensure we can provide wrap around care for all year groups. Due to changes in guidance, we were informed on 24th August that Leos would be able to provide care for the junior classes. We have been able to extend that provision to include Year 1 and Year 2 due to being able to offer the use of the hall. Mr Robinson will now work for Leos before and after school. The school and Leos have followed government guidance throughout. It states "If it is not possible or practical to maintain the same bubbles being used during the school day (for example, if the number of bubbles in place during the school day prove impractical to adopt within the wraparound provision) then providers should maintain small, consistent groups. We recognise that schools may need to respond flexibly and build this provision up over time. Such provision will help ensure pupils have opportunities to re-engage with their peers and with the school, ensure vulnerable children have a healthy breakfast and are ready to focus on their lessons, provide

enrichment activities, and also support working parents.” We understand the changes have been challenging for working parents, especially in EYFS. Please be reassured we are doing everything we can to resolve this, Leos will review the provision over the next two weeks to decide if they can extend provision to include EYFS. We are currently looking into if it is possible for any other staff at the school to run a temporary club for EYFS until we can hopefully find a more permanent solution. For the next two weeks we are able to offer EYFS childcare from 8am, Mrs Crofts has kindly offered to do this. This will not include breakfast. Unfortunately, we do not yet have staff to run after a school club for EYFS. A booking form for the morning EYFS club will be sent out tomorrow.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#wraparound-provision-and-extra-curricular-activity>

We will meet the challenges that we must face this year, together.

Warmest wishes
Mr Hopwell

Dear Parents,

As you will now be aware, Mr Hopwell is not able to be in school at the moment and I appreciate that this may cause some concerns for you as parents at this uncertain and unprecedented time in our lives. I am writing to assure you that the well being and education of your children is of paramount importance to the school. Mr Hopwell is working full time from home and is carrying out many of the duties that he would be undertaking as part of his job as headteacher. He will be back in school as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Mr Asplin and members of the Senior Leadership Team are stepping up to cover things in school, all the while keeping in close contact with Mr Hopwell. The school is fortunate to have experienced, talented and dedicated staff who know the children well.

Much work has been done during the holidays in conjunction with HR, Occupational Health and the School Improvement Team of the Local Authority. Our School Improvement Partner has also advised. Detailed arrangements have been put in place to deal with the situation. At a recent Governing Body meeting these were agreed by the governors and will be kept under regular review with support from the Local Authority and Occupational Health.

This situation is not one that any of us would wish for, least of all Mr Hopwell, but everything has been done to minimise the impact on your children.

I have been in very regular contact with Mr Hopwell throughout and will continue to do so.

Your Sincerely

Kathryn Watson – Chair of Governors

How to use 'Jotter Call' – Step 1

- Load the school jotter app on your phone or tablet device.
- Begin by tapping on the padlock icon at the top right hand side of the screen.
- This will open up the log in screen.



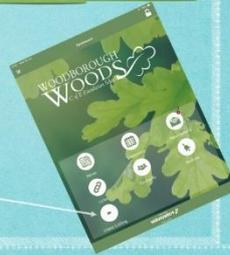
Step 2

- In the top box, type in your user name:
- In the bottom box, type in your password:



Step 3

- You will now see the usual 'home' screen. On the bottom left hand side you should see a new circular 'Video' icon.



Step 4

- You can also access this function by tapping on the menu icon and then on video calling.



Step 5 - Who's Available?

- You will then see a list of teachers who are available for calling. They will have a green dot by their name.
- Tap the phone or camera icon to call that teacher.



Step 6 - Making a Call

- You will then see a screen similar to this one.
- Now just wait to have your call answered.



Step 7 – Ending a Call

- Once your call has finished, make sure you log out of the School Jotter App by clicking on the padlock icon.

