

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

17 th & 19 th Nov	Parents meetings on Teams
8 th December	Flu vaccinations
18 th December	Last day of term
4 th January	School opens for Spring term
5 th July	School Photos
26th - 28th July	INSET DAYS

Dear Parents,

As you will have seen, on Saturday night the Prime Minister announced that England will begin a new month-long lockdown on Thursday, but that during this time schools will remain open.

Please be reassured that we constantly review the school's safety measures to ensure they follow the government's guidance to schools. Included in this newsletter is a reminder of the some of the existing safety precautions we have in place.

In these challenging circumstances the school and families have kept education going and children learning. Over recent months I have seen time and again the determination, courage and optimism that you have shown. And now, at the very moment that we hoped to be emerging from the pandemic we are, instead, once more heading deeper into it. We will remain in touch with you throughout the week as further information emerges.

Face Masks

A number of parents and staff have asked if we can promote the use of face masks by adults during pick up and drop off as it is sometimes difficult to keep a safe distance on the school grounds. The narrow pavements and busy roads close to the school can also make it very difficult to keep a safe distance.

We realise not all parents/carers will want to do this and cannot enforce the use of face masks. However, given the serious position we find ourselves in please give this request serious consideration. This will require a collective effort to be effective. For now, our staff will be wearing masks in the playground at the start and end of the day.

Staggered start and finish times to keep different bubbles apart as they arrive at and leave school.

	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

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We would like to avoid a large congestion of people where possible so we ask that parents/carers do not arrive earlier than the start time. Also, please can only ONE parent come to pick up their child, to reduce the amount of adults on site. We also ask you to leave the school grounds promptly once you have dropped off or collected your child.

Communication with class teachers

We believe communication between school and home is essential. 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.

Remote Learning

We have put information on the school website to be used as a general guide for home learning. Parents can expect further details of remote learning for their child as and when it is required. There are 2 general scenarios; the first scenario where your child is not permitted to attend school and the second outlines the actions in the case of a whole bubble not being permitted to attend school.

If your child needs to isolate they can access remote learning on our website.

<https://www.woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk/classes/useful-publications>

Should you require further lessons for your child, BBC Bitesize has a range of lessons for each year group that can be used. [BBC Bitesize](#).

Please note that the video learning sessions will not be facilitated by your child's class teacher if the teacher is the one experiencing Covid-19 symptoms. At times, your child may have video learning sessions presented by another teacher and work may be marked and responded to by Teaching Assistants in order to allow teachers the time to create lesson content and deliver video sessions.

We know our parents/carers will understand this approach which is designed to balance the health and wellbeing of our children, families and staff which is paramount.

Government stay at home guidance

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)

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

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/carer arrives. Staff supervising your child in that area, **MUST** maintain a distance

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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 for the safety of all.

Back to School information on Notts County Council

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/back-to-school>

An updated Council 'back to school' web page to address some concerns or questions that parents may have in relation to responses to coronavirus (COVID-19). On this page, you'll find answers to questions about safety, measures in place, school meals, transport to school, support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disability, and other support.

Mental Health and Well Being

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. Public Health England (PHE) [Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign](#) provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them. The advice available on the [Every Mind Matters website](#) has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including [Young Minds](#), [The Mix](#), [Place2Be](#) and [The Anna Freud Centre](#). It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

One way system

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. There should be NO PARKING in the staff car park.

Social distancing

Social distancing is in place at the school gates. It is essential to make extra efforts to prevent COVID-19 being passed from person to person. Parents, carers and those taking and collecting children from school still need to be mindful about social distancing, especially when there is potential for groups to form, such as when arriving at school or waiting to collect children at the end of the school day.

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

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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.

Water Bottles

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

Uniform

Children should wear their winter uniform and PE kits on their PE days. Please do not send in any bags or books. For PE children should wear plain black jogging suit, green t-shirt (it doesn't need to have the logo), trainers and black shorts. We shall shortly be sending out a questionnaire to consult parents regarding our school uniform. When the results have been collated the Governing Body will review our Uniform Policy and consider any adjustments that may need to be made. This is to acknowledge the representations from some parents who have asked for their views to be considered. The opinions of the school staff will also be taken into consideration.



PE Days

Class		
R	Tuesday	Thursday
1	Tuesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Wednesday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Monday	Thursday
5	Tuesday	Friday
6	Monday	Thursday

Home School Agreement

Please reread the COVID 19 home school agreement. <https://www.woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk/useful-links>

Playtimes

All children will have a morning and afternoon playtime, the juniors have shorter breaks to allow them to have morning and afternoon snacks. These are staggered to ensure minimum contact with others outside of their classes. Your child is welcome to bring in 2 healthy snacks (no chocolate, sweets, crisps, nuts or humous please). Children in Class R, Class 1 and Class 2 will only need one healthy snack, as they are provided with a free fruit of veg snack for their morning break.

The Recovery Curriculum

Our aim for the first half term was to create a safe environment for all, re-engaging learners with learning and establish routines for the children. We have planned our curriculum to support children's mental health and well being to adjust to the new circumstances.

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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.

Hand Hygiene

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.

What parents and carers need to know about schools during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The DfE have updated the guidance on [what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) to include the latest information on self-isolation and shielding, who needs to get a test for coronavirus (COVID-19), face coverings, assessment and exams.

We sincerely thank you for your efforts and sacrifice in order to keep each other safe during this uncertain time. We are working very hard to keep school a happy and safe environment for all of our wonderful children and staff. We all need to do our part for the school to remain open and to keep our school community safe. If you have any concerns please contact school on admin@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk.

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