



Wood End Primary School

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KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

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Dear Parents/Carers

School will reopen for **all children on Monday 8th March.**

We have carried out risk assessments and put plans in place to ensure that the school environment is COVID secure in line with Government guidance. To ensure the success of these plans we require your support.

The following are actions we would like to remind you to take, to support the safety of our children and school community. Many of these have already been shared with you in previous letters.

Bring children to and from school

- **If you or anyone you live with has Coronavirus symptoms – do not come to school (inform us by phone / email as soon as possible)**
- Arrive just in time to drop off and collect your child. Do not arrive too early.

	Arrive	Finish
Nursery	8.45am – 8.55am	11.30am – 11.45am
Reception, Y1, Y3, Y6	8.30 – 8.40am	3pm
Y2, Y4, Y5	8.45 – 8.55am	3.10pm

	Received/dismissed
Nursery, Reception	Early Years' gate
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4	Main gate
Y5, Y6	Main office door

- Only one adult to drop off and collect children
- Adults dropping off and collecting children please wear a face mask. If you are exempt from wearing a face mask, please let us know.
- Keep children close to you and discourage them from mixing with adults from other households.
- Maintain distances from people in other households (this is not rude or unsociable – this is being kind to keep each other safe).
- Leave the premises as quickly as possible. If you need to speak to other parents please do this away from the school site without blocking the pavements to the school
- Enter site via double gates, pedestrian gate will be used to exit only.
- Avoid public transport
- If you need to use public transport there is extra information available from - www.tfwm.org.uk/schooltravel
- Do not gather close to main doors or gates.
- Do not pass messages to staff at gate – call or email school office.

Reduce spread of virus through person to person contact

Limiting contact with somebody potentially suffering from coronavirus

- Do not come on school site if you need to self-isolate
- Do not come to school if you have been abroad – follow quarantine guidance
- Make use of home test kits & local testing sites to regularly check yourself. Lateral flow test results are available in 30 minutes and provide some peace of mind and also identify positive cases which are asymptomatic. Lateral flow test kits are available to order for use by household members from the following site: <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>

Hygiene & cleaning

- Wash children's hand thoroughly for 20 seconds before leaving for school in the morning.
- Wash children's hand thoroughly for 20 seconds after school when arriving home.
- Keep reminding children of good handwashing techniques. Guidance is available from - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>
- Keep reminding children of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routine. Guidance is available from - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/09/catch-bin-kill.pdf>
- Do not send children to school with face masks or hand sanitiser.
- Surfaces need to be kept as clear as possible for easy cleaning therefore children must only bring essential items to school, ie. lunch box, water bottle, book bag. Do not send bags to school other than flat nylon bags (green / black).

Social distancing

- Children will be kept in class bubbles, wherever possible, and mixing between bubbles will be limited. We will therefore be making set toilet breaks for classes and will limit children going to toilet outside of these times – please let us know if your child has any pre-existing conditions which require more frequent toilet visits.

Contacting school or sharing information

- If you need some information from school or need to share information with us, please call the school office or send an email. It is very important that we limit the number of people coming into school, particularly as the main school entrance will also be used as an entrance for children.
- Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact information for your child.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have sent kind messages or shared kind words during phone calls. They have been very much appreciated.

We know that remote learning has presented challenges, but we thank you for supporting our efforts at this time, even when it meant having to learn alongside your children. School staff have been on a learning journey too.

We have seen some really strong learning characteristics developing in children who have committed to engaging with learning regularly, we thank you for nurturing and supporting this appreciation for learning.

We look forward to welcoming all of our children and families back to school.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Sharma
Headteacher

