



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thank you all for bearing with us today as we sort out arrangements for the coming weeks. At the moment, school will re-open on Monday 18th January. However, this could well be subject to change. If they do, we will update you as quickly as possible.

So, we start our new term back under lockdown conditions. ***If you are classed as a 'critical (key) worker' or your child falls into the 'vulnerable' category; in this letter, you will find additional information about the next two weeks.*** If not, your child/ren will be working from home. This isn't a situation that any of us have chosen and we understand that some families are working under very difficult circumstances. You can only do your best! Please don't sit at home and worry about the work set. If something is tricky or if you have questions (remember, there are no 'silly questions'!) please email the class teacher or me.

Revised School Times

For the next two weeks, times of school will change slightly. This will allow for extra cleaning of the areas used by children as well as give staff time to follow-up with their home learners and communicate with parents etc.

Monday-Thursday: DROP-OFF between 8.30-9am (all children, including Nursery/Reception, should come into school via the main entrance – school staff will be at the gate). PICK-UP at 3pm from the Key Stage 1 playground (the normal pick-up location for most children)

Fridays: DROP-OFF between 8.30-9am. PICK-UP at 12.30pm.

Lunches

If your child usually has a school dinner, this will continue to be the case for the next two weeks. During the previous lockdown, Herts Catering provided meals for all children coming into school. We have not yet had confirmation as to whether it will be the same this time. Therefore, if your child is not usually school dinners, please send them in with a packed lunch until further notice. Thank you.

Home Learning Packs

If your child is returning to school during the next two weeks, their 'home learning packs' will be kept in school. During the day, they will undertake some of the learning activities from the packs in combination with other activities.

School Uniform

Children do not need to wear school uniform for the next two weeks. Instead, they should come in wearing comfortable (and practical!) clothing. Trainers are ideal as children will not be changing for PE. Please make sure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

During the last lockdown, our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/woodhallps>) was a brilliant way to share some of the amazing learning that children were doing at home; as well as other things such as walks and fun in the garden (although the weather is a bit different this time!) It would be great if you continued to send in photos to share with the group (either email the class teacher or me)

I will be filming a weekly celebration assembly (on Fridays). We will be giving out a range of certificates: 'Learner of the Week', Times Table Rock Stars certificates, Bug Club certificates, the 'Woodhall Wow' award. It doesn't matter whether your child is working at home or is in school. Keep in touch with your child's class teacher so that they can see all of the fantastic learning going on!

Positive COVID Cases

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the next two weeks, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can complete the relevant track and trace processes with Public Health. We will then notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and need to self-isolate. Please report all positive Covid-19 cases or symptoms to: ebattersby@woodhall.herts.sch.uk or phone the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Cooper Battersby.

Please remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> Main symptoms of coronavirus are: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

If you are not sure whether symptoms suggest that you or your child has Covid-19, please consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, please visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Please note that, should there be a positive case of COVID at school during the next fortnight; we will need to close the relevant 'bubble' of children and staff for 10 days. If this happens, we will notify you immediately and ask you to come and collect your child from school. Thank you.

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Thank you for the amazing support that you have given us at Woodhall during these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are struggling - we believe that social, emotional and mental wellbeing is just as important as academic learning. We are here to support the children **and** families of the whole Woodhall School community. And if we can't help, we may be able to point you in the right direction!

Our thoughts are with all of our families who are ill with COVID and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Please take care, everyone, and stay safe.

Miss Lake

Here are some useful numbers:

MIND Network – National Crisis Line 01923 255391 www.hertsmindnetwork.org

Refuge (Domestic Violence) Helpline 08082000247 www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Step In Food Hub 0208 428 6725 www.ascend.org.uk

Samaritans 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Sudden Bereavement Help 0800 260 0400 www.sudden.org

National Debt Line 0808 808 400

Citizens Advice Bureau 0208 515 8321 www.threeriverscab.org.uk

