



Woodborough Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Academic Year 2021/22

As we look ahead to the new academic year – which begins on **Thursday 2nd September** - there are a number of important pieces of information to share with you.

COVID-19

As you are aware, over the last academic year we have been operating consistent groupings in bubbles with social distancing measures. Government guidance for schools recently released states, it is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles from the autumn term, which enables greater flexibility in curriculum delivery and for whole school indoor events. Control measures that will still be in place are:

- Good hygiene for all
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19
- Staff are also being asked to resume asymptomatic testing twice a week from just before the start of next term, until the end of September when the need for this will be reviewed.

Beginning and end of school day routines for the new academic year

One unforeseen positive from parents being unable to come into the classrooms has been the high levels of independence shown by the children, even in our youngest classes, and the way in which they have quickly settled into their morning learning led by staff within their classrooms. Therefore, we would like to continue with this approach. In the early days of the new term, staff will of course be outside and visible. We do appreciate how important it is for you and the children to see first-hand what happens within the classroom and we will let you know in September how and when you will be able to do this.

All children will be met by a member of staff at the pedestrian gate on the playground. Our one-way system has worked well and will continue.

Staggered start and finish times have also proved to be positive – not only on the school site, but also alleviating some traffic / parking congestion and enabling good relationships with neighbours in the vicinity of school. As such, this system will also continue in September:

Classes	Arrival	Departure	Please note that if you have children in both key stages, they should arrive at the earliest drop-off and be collected at the latest pick-up times.
Cherry, Elm, Lime & Willow	8.45 am	3.15 pm	
*Oak, Sycamore & Maple	9.00 am	3.00 pm	

**A separate timetable of phased start times and routines for the first few weeks of term has already been shared with parents of pupils joining us in Oak Class.*

If you do need to drive your child(ren) to school, please park at Woodborough Social Club ([follow this link to their website in order to purchase a parking permit](#)) and not along the roads and outside neighbouring properties. Please make use of [school transport](#) where your child(ren) are eligible.

Before and After School Childcare ([find more information by clicking on the hyperlink](#))

Breakfast Club with Mr Tomlinson will recommence from Thursday 2nd September. Further details of the provision and how to sign up will soon be available via the above link on the school website.

Fun Club, after school, will also resume from Thursday 2nd September and should be booked via School Gateway.

Looking further ahead

Whilst we are very much looking forward to resuming face-to-face meetings and inviting you in for assemblies, themed weeks, parents' evenings, etc., we are mindful that we've also found new ways of remote working too. Next year, we look forward to being able to explore a mixed approach to some of these events, to enable greater flexibility for those of you who might prefer / need to 'attend' virtually from time to time. More information will follow as and when necessary.

School Uniform ([find more information by clicking on the hyperlink](#))

In September, children will need to be wearing smart school uniform with black shoes every day to school. All children should have their PE kit in school every day, including a pair of trainers/daps to change into for sport.

Any additional school uniform can be purchased from the following suppliers:

[OHM Clothing, Devizes](#) – final date for orders 31st July

[Price & Buckland](#) – final date for orders 1st August

It is essential that children are wearing smart uniform for all their learning. Please take some time to check your child's uniform so that they are able to access all sport and outdoor learning too.

It cannot be emphasised too strongly that all clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Children do not always recognise their own belongings, so labelling all items can save time and inconvenience to your children, staff and parents alike. There is a lost property box outside the school office. Please visit it in the entrance lobby if your child loses anything. Any suitable clothes not claimed after a term will go to charity or the PTA second hand uniform store.

Hair

Hair should either be short enough that it does not fall over the face, or swept back from the face with clips or hair bands, or it should be tied up. We ask that all hair accessories be moderate and sensible and in the school colours.

Jewellery

Small, stud type earrings may be worn in pierced ears and small wrist watches may be worn. NO other jewellery, wrist bands, necklaces or rings should be worn. No nail polish or make-up should be worn to school.

Mobile Phones

No mobile phones or similar devices should be brought into school.

Treasure

Children must not bring lots of things into school because it is a health and safety hazard in our limited school cloakrooms. Only the absolute essentials should be brought in – lunch boxes, PE kit, book bags (or a single small school bag / rucksack in KS2) and musical instruments. Please ensure other 'treasure' remains at home for safe keeping.

Medication

Administration of any prescribed medication will require the completion of a [parental request form](#). We do not dispense medication unless it is prescribed. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that any inhalers or other medication for chronic conditions that is kept on the school site is in date.

Adult Helpers

One really important part of our Woodborough School way of working, which we have really missed over the last eighteen months, is that we've been unable to invite adult helpers into school. Our children have benefited hugely from this in the past with parents, grandparents and wider friends supporting us in school in a wide variety of ways. These have included: working in specific classes on regular days; helping staff run after-school clubs; sharing particular skills; and listening to children read. We're really looking forward to resuming our regular visits from adult helpers in the new term, so if you are interested please do let us know via an email to admin@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk.

Finally...

In thinking ahead to the new academic year and closing my letter, I like to say how much we are looking forward to welcoming back the children ready to resume what we hope will be a 'normal' school year, filled with plenty of Woodborough Magic. Two disrupted academic years really makes us appreciate what we had before COVID-19, and feel excited about recommencing the best of our old ways and combining it with some the new skills that we've learned along the way.

As this term draws to a close, we'd like to thank all of our families and wider friends for the enduring support, sense of community and togetherness that has been extended to us and one another again this year. By necessity we have done things remotely, been bubbled in school and adapted to changing guidance, but by goodness, we're looking forward to doing things differently again next year!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and sunny summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



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