

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Children in Reception and Nursery**

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back into school. We have ensured that as our youngest children they are coming back to their own learning environment with their team of adults that they know, and who know them.

We recognise that social distancing will be incredibly difficult for our youngest children. However, we have reviewed all our practice, following government and public health advice to ensure we can make EYFS as safe as it can be.

Nursery and Reception are split into two family groups and we have divided the EYFS outdoor space to prevent the mixing of these groups, but still enable continued outdoor access. The climbing frame has also been cordoned off. There will be high levels of hygiene, ventilation, continual cleaning of resources and adaption of teaching methods to reduce children's movement around the classroom. We have also reduced numbers of children in each group so there is greater space for every child. Although the risk is low, parents need to be aware we cannot eliminate every risk for your child.

Whereas the risk for children becoming severely ill is low, we have to consider that the same does not apply for our staff. Therefore:

- There will be less close contact between staff and children
- Staff will have safe spaces around the learning areas
- If your child is upset coming into school, we might ask you to bring them into the learning area
- If your child has a toileting accident, we will contact you to come up to school
- Staff will do everything they can to comfort your child if they are upset for any reason, without breaking the isolation space

**Please be reassured that our  
first and foremost priority is your children.**

An idea to help your child before they return, is to bring them on a walk up to the school building whilst chatting about what school will be like and what are they looking forward to doing in school.

EYFS staff also ask children to bring in a small piece of fruit for a snack and a labelled drinks bottle filled with water.

Children will not need to bring anything else into school with them, bags are not needed.

We ask that children dress in Summer uniform the best that parents can, we understand that children may have grown out of items. Please adapt whilst trying to remain smart. Can children please avoid lace up shoes if they are not able to tie their own laces. Children in reception can wear sport clothes on Wednesday (all children) and Friday (critical worker children).

## **Reception**

Critical Worker Children will be in a group with Miss Bushell and can start from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for daily attendance. Please book the sessions for your child through the postbox email.

Other Reception children will attend alternate weeks Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Price / Miss Seale, starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – RB children

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – RP children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June will be reviewed and will depend whether other Reception children wish to start attending.

- 9:00 start
- Entering the site through the pedestrian gate and children coming into the KS1 playground by themselves. The Reception team will be on the playground ready to meet them.
- Lunch will be a hot meal provided by the kitchen
- 2:35 finish
- Parents enter the site through the pedestrian gate and stand on the KS1 playground in a space near to the lower KS1 door. Children will be dismissed one at a time, please call out your child's name, if it is not their usual teacher. If parents aren't there, then children will be taken back to their learning room and brought back to the KS1 door at 3:00
- Parents to leave through the car park

During the morning session the children will be learning through focused lessons, much as they do at the moment, with a focus on Phonics, Communication and Language, English and Maths. There will be some opportunities for the children to choose lab activities, that will be completed at tables within the learning room or in their outside area. The afternoon will then focus on more lab based activities, where the children will have access to the outside area and will be applying the learning from the morning. These activities will be very carefully thought through by staff and tailored to ensure that resources used can be easily cleaned and reduce the risk of germ contamination.

## Nursery

Nursery will have a morning and an afternoon session within the day, with critical worker and 30 hour children staying for the whole day.

Critical Worker Children can start from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for daily attendance. Please book the sessions for your child through the postbox email.

Other Nursery children will be able to attend daily Monday to Thursday, for their normal session (AM or PM), starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June for two weeks. This will be reviewed and may be reduced to part time from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June if other children wish to start attending Nursery.

- 8:30 start of morning session
- 11:00 end of morning session
- Lunch will be a hot meal provided by the kitchen for Critical Worker and 30 hours children
- 12:30 Start of afternoon session
- 3:00 finish
  
- Parents to enter the site through the pedestrian gate and queue at the bottom of the ramp and around the side. The Nursery team will be on the ramp ready to take or dismiss the children. We ask parents to not cross the rainbow on the ramp
- Parents to leave through the car park

Our staff are busy getting the rooms and resources ready, with lots of exciting and fun learning activities. We look forward to seeing your child, we have missed them.

**Finally, please note that these are Woodland's plans at this moment in time. However, the final decision as to whether schools open to a wider number of children will be made by the Government and Walsall Local Authority at some point next week.**

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher