

Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Critical Worker Children in Y4 and Y5

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back into school. Children will be working in small groups in the Y4 and Y5 learning rooms. Groups will be led by: Mrs Garcha, Miss Gregory and Mrs Gill, with days taught by Mrs Dickson and Mrs Lippitt. Mrs Pitt will be back in school with us soon and Miss Martin is working in the Y6 family group.

We recognise that social distancing will be incredibly difficult for all our children. However, we have reviewed all our practice, following government and public health advice to ensure we can make Y4 and Y5 as safe as it can be.

Y4 and Y5 are in their own family group and we will play, eat and work together. The tables have been moved so that children are working 2m apart. Also, 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, particularly during break times when children in Y4 and Y5 will play together.

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
- 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.

Y4 and Y5 staff ask children to bring in a healthy snack for breaktime 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 Y4 and Y5 can wear sport clothes on Friday.

Y4 and Y5

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

- 8:30 start
- Entering the site through the pedestrian gate and children coming into the KS1 playground by themselves. The Y4 and Y5 team will be on the playground ready to meet them.
- Children can either book a hot meal or bring sandwiches in their lunch box
- 2:50 finish
- Parents enter the site through the pedestrian gate and stand on the KS1 playground in a space near to the upper KS2 door. Children will be dismissed one at a time. If parents aren't there, then children will be taken back to their learning room and brought back to the KS2 door at 3:00
- 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