



Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Y6

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back into school, this is our largest group of children who are returning and so will form their own family group. Children will be working in small groups in Y6 and 5M learning rooms. Groups will be led by Miss Evans, Miss Chapman and Miss Martin.

We are so glad that our Y6 children will have an opportunity to see some of their friends before they take the next step. We are very sad that we cannot provide the send-off your children deserve. However, Miss Evans and Miss Chapman have ideas about how a Y6 production can still take place through combining sections of film, and then every child will be given a copy. We will also do something for our Y6 children when it is safe for us to do so, which will include our presentations and awards. We just do not know when we can timetable this yet.

A number of the secondary schools are planning transition events for Y6 children during the Summer months and we recognise that children will not be able to attend Woodlands on these dates.

In terms of safety, we have reviewed all our practice, following government and public health advice to ensure we can make Y6 as safe as it can be.

Y6 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 will play together and some children will find social distancing difficult.

Whereas the risk for children becoming severely ill is low, we have to consider that the same does not apply for our staff. Therefore, staff will have safe spaces around the learning areas

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

Please share the changes to school life with your children before they return so they know what to expect and can be prepared.

Y6 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 and we would not expect you to purchase new ones at this stage. Please adapt whilst trying to remain smart. Children in Y6 can wear sport clothes on Thursday and Friday.

We have been sent through an important part of the Y6 curriculum from the NHS – Sex and Relationships Education. This will contain learning about puberty and healthy relationships. We shall teach this aspect of the curriculum in school and provide the resources on Google Classroom for our children working from home. If you would like to withdraw your child from this learning, then please email the Y6 teachers.

Y6 Timetable

Critical Worker Children will be in a group with Miss Martin and can start from Monday 1st June for daily attendance. Please book the sessions for your child through the postbox email. Please note that Y6 children will join together for certain activities during the week and be together at breaks and lunchtimes.

Other Y6 children will attend alternate weeks Monday to Thursday, with Miss Evans and Miss Chapman, starting on Monday 8th June. We have grouped children by classes so they can see each other in the same week.

Monday 8th June – 6E children

Monday 15th June – 6C children

Monday 22nd June will be reviewed and will depend whether other Y6 children wish to start attending.

- 8:45 start
- Entering the site through the back gate from Bloxwich Road North, children and parents can wait on the KS2 playground, following social distancing guidelines.
- Lunch: Children can choose either a hot meal or bring a packed lunch
- 2:50 finish
- Entering the site through the back gate from Bloxwich Road North, parents can wait on the KS2 playground, following social distancing guidelines.

Our staff are busy getting the rooms and resources ready, with lots of end of year learning and fun. 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

T G Newton, Head Teacher