

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Organisation during Lockdown for Critical Worker Children, from Monday 11th January

Safety

This provision is for parents that are critical workers and have no alternative childcare when they are working.

We are restricted by how many children we can have in each group due to 'health and safety' considerations combined with the time needed to plan remote learning and meet the needs of our remote learners, I am afraid that once the year group allocation is full for that day we will not be able to offer a place for your child.

The purpose of Lockdown is so that children stay at home to help stop the spread of this awful virus. Being in school, particularly in larger groups of children, increases the risk for your child and your family. The current news indicates the gravity of the current situation for us all.

Please do not take a child's space unless it is absolutely necessary, as this may prevent our NHS critical workers gaining childcare.

Booking children into Woodlands when you are working

- Please email postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk by 12:00 lunchtime on the Friday of each week, when you know the days you will be working for the following week.
- Bookings will not be taken over the phone
- Please do not bring your child to school unless your booking has been confirmed.

The School Day for all children

- 8:40 to 8:50 at the KS1 playground gate (including Nursery children)
- 11:40 Nursery children to be collected from the main office.
- 3:10 Reception and Nursery children to be collected from EYFS outdoor space
- 3:10 collection on the KS1 playground for Y1 and Y2
- 3:20 collection on the KS1 playground for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Y6 children who walk home will be dismissed at 3:20 from the KS1 playground

Parents will need to wear masks on site when dropping off and collecting children. Please also be aware of social distancing when waiting for your child.

We are aware that some parents shall have to wait for siblings but we have reduced staffing in school and so are not able to run the house colour dismissal system.

Structure of the day

The structure of the day will follow the normal school day. There will be a break mid-morning and mid-afternoon, plus the children will have an hour for lunch. They will be supervised by staff mainly from their year group when possible.

The timetable will follow the remote provision timetable. Therefore, it is important that when children are working remotely they undertake the set learning according to the timetable so they are ready for the next lesson when they come into school.

PE days will be

- Monday Y5
- Tuesday Y3
- Wednesday Reception, Nursery and Y1
- Thursday Y6 and Y4
- Friday Y2

Woodies

- Woodies will open at 7:30 and close at 4:30
- Places can be booked and paid for through Scopay as usual
- Breakfast will be provided in the morning
- A light snack will be provided at 3:30
- Children to enter and exit through the lower playground door, as normal
- Woodies will continue to be based in the hall

Uniform

- Children do not need to wear uniform during this time so they can wear clean clothes daily
- Children can wear sporty clothes but they will need layers for warmth
- We aim to take the children outside when possible so they will need coats, gloves, hats.

Food

- All children can bring in a healthy snack for mid-morning (There is no fruit provision in school during this time)
- Hot lunches will be provided for children in Nursery (30hrs), Reception, Y1 and Y2
- Hot lunches will be provided for Free School Meal Children
- Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 can still order and pay for a hot lunch through Scopay
- Children in KS2 can bring in a packed lunch

Attendance

If your child is not feeling well or demonstrating any of the COVID symptoms then parents must not send their child into school. If any person in your household is demonstrating the symptoms of COVID then again, parents must not send their child into school.

If there is a positive case at Woodlands then that would result in all sending all of our critical worker children in that year group into isolation. We cannot take that risk.

School closed on Monday 18th January

Monday 18th January is a Teacher Training Day. The focus is staff training on Restorative Practice by an external speaker. Therefore, the school will be closed to all children on this day and no remote learning will be set.

Yours sincerely,

T G Newton,

Headteacher