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Dear parents and carers

We are looking forward to welcoming back all pupils in September. Over the last few months we have had almost 200 children in school, which has been amazing. School in September will not quite be normal but it is a big step in the right direction.

All the plans that are being put in place have been made following government guidance. For more information please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>.

Bubbles

Our bubbles will be whole year group bubbles. The children will be coming into school and into their new classes. We are aware that, no matter how much work you did at home with your children, there will be some catching up needed, this we can do through intervention and phonics sessions. Having the bubbles in year groups enables us to work with children across the classes within each bubble. They will have playtimes and lunch times together and will be able to sit with and play with other children in that year group.

Classrooms

The classrooms will not be quite back to normal. The younger years will be able to have carpet time together for stories and the main input to their learning. As the current reception, going in to year 1, have missed a lot of their reception year they will not be ready for more formal learning that year 1 usually starts in September. To support them for the first half term at least, the year 1 classes will run like reception classes, allowing focused free flow and will gradually transition the children into a more formal approach. The recommendation for the rest of the classes is to sit the children in rows, all facing the front. The children will no longer be sitting round tables in groups as they are used to.



Staggered start and finish times

When planning the start and finish times, we had to consider where the children go in to school so we don't get too many parents in school at once. As with the last few months, we will be asking parents to come in the main gate by the car park and exit from the side gate. I have attached a map which will show you where your child's new class will be and where they will need to go into school and be collected from.

	Start time	Finish time	Where to drop off and collect	How to get there
Nursery	8.30 am	4.00 pm	Main entrance to the nursery	Straight up the main path from the entrance gate
Reception	8.30 am	2.45 pm	Drop off at the reception class doors, collect on the field	Round the carpark to the play ground
Year 1	8.30 am	2.45 pm	Year 1 classroom door, near the nursery and bike shed	Straight up the main path from the entrance gate
Year 2	8.30 am	2.45 pm	Year 2 classroom door on the playground	Round the carpark to the play ground
Year 3	8.45 am	3.00 pm	Year 3 classroom door near opposite the nursery	Straight up the main path from the entrance gate
Year 4	9.00 am	3.15 pm	Year 4 classroom door near to the main office	Straight up the main path from the entrance gate
Year 5	8.45 am	3.00 pm	Year 5 classroom door on the playground	Round the carpark to the play ground



Year 6	9.00 am	3.15 pm	Main hall door on the playground	Round the carpark to the play ground
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For each start time we will have between 120 and 180 children coming into school, please try not to arrive too early for your allotted time so we have a continuous flow through the school. **We are aware that some of you have children in different year groups, teachers will be in the classrooms so please bring them in at the earliest time, for example if you have a child in year 3 and year 6, bring them both in at 8.45.** Year 6 children will be bringing home a letter at the start of the year to give permission for them to walk into and home from school by themselves.

When collecting your child, please wait outside the classroom where you dropped them off and the teachers will bring them out to you. Reception parents – please wait on the field by the path and the teachers will bring them out to you there.

Curriculum

We will continue to give the children a broad and balanced curriculum. We appreciate all the hard work you have put into keeping the children education going over the past few months. We have added 'Key Skills' times into the daily timetable. The teachers and LSAs will be using these times to go over basic English and maths skills, to work with groups of children on any gaps that are identified and run interventions for those who need them. The interventions may be for reading, writing and maths but will also be used for nurture groups, focusing on those children who need a little extra time and support to deal with what has been happening.

PE – as it is not recommended for children to get changed in school, on their PE days we would like them to come to school in their PE kits for the day.

School uniform

The government guidelines state that in September 'school uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than is usual', there is no longer the expectation that children need to wear a clean set of clothes every day. This means we will be back to normal school uniform, except on the days when your child has PE, when they will be wearing their PE kit all day.

Breakfast and after school clubs

We will be running before school and after school clubs starting Monday 14th September. To ensure we are following guidelines and the bubbles are separate, we will have to restrict the numbers, prioritising key worker and



vulnerable children. More information about this will be sent out over the summer.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. If you have any further questions please email enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk or send a message on Edulink.

I hope you all have a good and safe summer.

Yours Sincerely

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