



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



4th September 2020

Welcome Back!

I hope that you have all managed to enjoy the Summer. I know many of you will have had reservations about the return to school and I wanted to reassure you and give you a flavour of how the first few days have been here at Woolgrove. It is wonderful to have welcomed back the children into school this week. Seeing the smiling faces and hearing the chatter around the school has been a tonic for all the staff. The staggered start has really given them a chance to re-familiarise themselves with school and adapt to the new procedures that are in place. I have been really delighted with the way that they have settled in and everyone is looking forward to having all the children back in on Monday.

The staff are ensuring that the children remain in their 'bubbles' and that resources and facilities are only shared with others within the same group. All equipment is regularly cleaned and sanitised and we are doing all that we can to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire Woolgrove family. We would very much appreciate this message being reinforced at home and we are sending home social stories and visual aids to assist you with this. You may want to consider displaying the hand-washing guide at home to promote good practice.

Happy News

I am delighted to let you know that Mr Fawcett became a daddy on Tuesday night. His baby daughter weighed in at 8lbs 6oz and a name has yet to be decided upon. Mother and baby are doing well and I am sure you would like to add your congratulations to Simon and his family at this very happy time.

Transport

Due to the new bubbles using separate entrances we have been trialling a new system for dropping off / collecting the children. Following a couple of tweaks the following has been decided upon:

The school gates will close at 9.00am each morning and 3.00 pm each afternoon (Fridays 2.00 pm). This is to ensure that there are no vehicles moving on site while the children leave or enter their vehicles. If your child is in Blue Class please park in the layby on the left of the main drive and remain in your vehicle with the engine switched off. All other parents should continue along the drive and into the playground if space allows and form a queue of vehicles from the playground and into the car park / road. Again please switch off your engine and wait in the vehicle. Staff from your child's class will come out to collect them from, or bring them to, the vehicle. Once this has happened please remain with the vehicle switched off until

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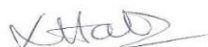
staff indicate that it is safe to leave. If you are walking to school please take your child to the nearest gate to their entry point (pedestrian gate for Bubble 1, sensory garden gate for Bubble 2, junior entrance for Bubble 3). Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the new system beds in.

Symptoms of Covid-19

I would like to remind you that the current guidance is that if your child or a family member displays any of the symptoms (high temperature, cough, loss of taste) you will need to apply to take a coronavirus test. Please refer to www.gov.uk for more information. If you or your child display any of the symptoms above **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL.** If your child displays any of these symptoms whilst at school we will be contacting you and asking you to collect them immediately.

We will be sending out more information in the next few days regarding significant school dates and events for the term ahead. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,



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Head Teacher

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2020 - 2021 TERM and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	INSET DAY	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
	Pupils start	Thursday 3rd September 2020
	Half Term	Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2020
	INSET day	Monday 2nd November 2020
	INSET day	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 4th December 2020
	Term ends	Friday 18th December 2020
SPRING	INSET DAY	Monday 4th January 2021
	Pupils start	Tuesday 5th January 2021
	Half Term	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021
	Term ends	Friday 26th March 2021
SUMMER	Term starts	Monday 12th April 2021
	Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021
	Term ends	Tuesday 20th July 2021
	INSET DAY	Wednesday 21st July 2021

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