



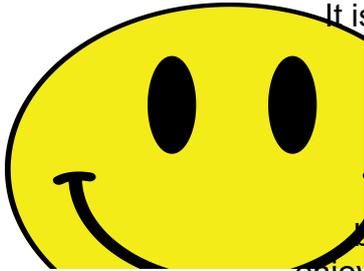
WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



28th May 2021



It is lovely to have got to the end of this half term without any major disruptions and to see things opening up generally. We do have a variety of events planned for the last few weeks of the school year and hopefully the planned route out of lockdown will continue on schedule, allowing them to go ahead. Further details will be provided as the situation becomes clearer. In the meantime I hope you are all able to enjoy some time with the family and some long awaited sunshine during this half term break!

School Photographers

We have arranged for photographers to visit the school on **Wednesday 9th June 2021**. The company we are using will provide a COVID safe experience for the children and staff and we hope that the photos will provide a lovely memento. Details of prices and how to purchase copies will be provided nearer the time.

Bag 2 School

We are once again taking part in the bag 2 school scheme this year. This enables the school to raise funds by collecting donated clothing and receiving money based on the total weight of the items collected. There are some rules regarding items that are donated and these are detailed in the attached document. It would be wonderful if anyone who is having a clear out of old clothes during the half term break could put them aside ready to bring into school. The collection day is Thursday 1st July so **please do not send any clothes in before Monday 29th June** as we will be unable to store large quantities. During this year of few fundraising events being able to take place any extra funds that can go towards equipment and resources for the children would be very welcome.



Coronavirus update from Hertfordshire County Council

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of half-term.

Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it's

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more important than ever that we follow current guidance to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

- 6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside
- If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children
- Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about

Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>

Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to [countries or territories on the red or amber lists](#).

If you do need to travel to an **Amber destination for an emergency, you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and;**

- All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test
- Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return
- **Please do not send children back to nursery, school or college without completing the mandatory quarantine period**

Testing at home with Lateral Flow Devices (rapid tests)

During half-term you should continue to encourage children in year 7 and above to test and report their results as they have been in term time.

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We would be grateful if you could ensure that children in year 7 and above take a rapid test on Sunday 6 June ahead of their return to school. Should they receive a positive result they must begin self-isolating immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test. Any student with symptoms of Covid-19 or feeling unwell should take a PCR test immediately and not attend school.

Parents and carers of children of school age are also encouraged to take regular rapid tests. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest.

Please only complete rapid tests on children in year 7 and above.

Support for families

This is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you know that help and support is available for anyone who needs it in Hertfordshire. HertsHelp can provide free, confidential advice and practical help for things like food, essential bills and emotional support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We hope you enjoy half-term and remember – hands, face, space, fresh air and test. These key things will help to keep you and your loved ones safe.

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Save the date!



As I am sure you can appreciate that forward planning continues to be a real challenge as we wait for news on the progress of the proposed route out of lockdown. That said we are preparing for the original plan to go ahead and have provisionally set the date of Friday 9th July for a summer event. This will be an outdoor event and will therefore be weather dependent and will take place between 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. All being well this will provide a long awaited opportunity for the whole school community to get together and it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible. I will update parents and carers on specific details as the situation becomes clearer.

Thankfully the weather looks set to be kind to us for the half term break so enjoy it and we look forward to seeing the children again for the last half term of the academic year on **Monday 7th June.**

Kind regards,

Handwritten signature of Lisa Hall.

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Head Teacher

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2020 - 2021 TERM and INSET Dates

SUMMER	Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
	Term ends	Tuesday 20 th July 2021
	INSET DAY	Wednesday 21st July 2021

2021 - 2022 TERM and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	INSET	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September 2021
	Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October 2021
	INSET day	Monday 1 st November 2021
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 10 th December 2021
	Term ends	Tuesday 21 st December 2021
SPRING	INSET	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
	Pupils start	Thursday 6 th January 2022
	Half Term	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
	Term ends	Friday 1 st April 2022
SUMMER	Pupils start	Tuesday 19 th April
	Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
	INSET	Monday 6 th June 2022
	Pupils start	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
	Term ends	Thursday 21 st July 2022
	INSET day	Friday 22 nd July 2022

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