



# WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

## NEWSLETTER



7th January 2022

It was really lovely to see the children returning to school this week all eager to get back and happy to be among friends. I hope you all managed to enjoy some time with family and loved ones over the holiday period and I am looking forward to the new term with optimism. There are challenges remaining, but the way in which the children and staff have dealt with everything the last couple of years has asked of them, I am sure 2022 will be another year of achievement and success at Woolgrove.

### Colder weather



Now that the colder weather is upon us I would like to remind you to ensure that your child has suitable warm, waterproof, **named** clothing in school. We do try to allow the children to play outside unless the conditions are very inclement so please help us by making sure they will be warm and dry whilst outside. Please, please make sure that every item of clothing and footwear is named clearly. It can be difficult to reunite the children with mislaid items if they are not named. It would also be very helpful for all children to have wellies in school, for use when it is muddy and on walks, and also alternative footwear to wear when back inside so that we can keep the school as mud free as possible!

### School Gates

Those of you who drop your child off at school will have noticed some changes at the school entrance over the past few weeks. I am very excited to tell you that we are having fully automated gates installed, making the entry into school for both vehicles and pedestrians easier and, more importantly, making the environment even safer for our children. We have also had improved fencing and gates installed at the entrance to the large playground which improves the safety still further. The front gates should be operational from next week.

### Coronavirus Update

With the Omicron variant causing a high number of cases both locally and nationally we are continuing to request that parents and carers exercise extreme caution if your child shows any signs of illness at all. Please do not send your child in to school if they are unwell or exhibiting any symptoms (persistent cough, temperature, loss of taste /smell). I understand that the current shortage of testing kits may cause some

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difficulty but we have to try and reduce the spread of the infection by ensuring anyone who could potentially have the virus is not in school.

To remind you, the guidance for self-isolation changed on 14<sup>th</sup> December. It is now possible for those people who are fully vaccinated or who are under-18 and 6 months, to end self-isolation after 7 days following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart.

The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day and the second LFD should be taken 24 hours after the first LFD. If both are negative then self-isolation can end as soon as the second test. If you have any questions please do ring the office and the staff will be happy to guide and advise you.

There is further guidance regarding testing due to come into effect from 11<sup>th</sup> January and we will update you appropriately.

Kind regards,



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*Head Teacher*

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# 2021 - 2022 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>SPRING</b>	Half Term	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	Term ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
<b>SUMMER</b>	Pupils start	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
	Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
	INSET	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
	Pupils start	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
	Term ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
	INSET day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022

# 2022 - 2023 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>AUTUMN</b>	INSET	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	All Pupils start	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
	Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
	INSET day	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
	Term ends	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
<b>SPRING</b>	INSET	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
	INSET	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
	Pupils start	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
	Half Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
	Term ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>SUMMER</b>	Pupils start	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April

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	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
	<b>Term ends</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
	<b>INSET day</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

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