



# WOODVALE PRIMARY ACADEMY


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see our pupils return to school over the past few days and they have come back enthusiastic and ready to learn. All of the staff in school have been impressed with their positive attitude. They have also been settling into our new routines with plenty of handwashing taking place!

It has also been good to catch up with parents and carers at the start and end of the school day. I would like to thank you all for following our one way system around the school site – this is really helping to minimise the number of people in school on site at one time. Can I take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of **social distancing from other families whilst on the school site**. We are all learning new habits at the moment and so we would ask that you try not to congregate at the gates at the start and end of the school day.

We know that it is often a tradition that children bring in sweets when it is their birthday. Unfortunately, at this current time, **we will not be handing out sweets brought in by parents and carers** even if they are in wrappers. Our new lunchtime routine is working very well and we will be continuing to have packed lunches eat their meals in their classrooms with hot meals being served in the hall. If your child brings in a packed lunch, may we kindly request that **they are able to open everything that you have given them**. Whilst staff are very conscious of the need to wash hands regularly, this avoids any unnecessary contact.

One unexpected result of having the staggered start is that the roads surrounding the school are not as busy as everyone is not arriving at the same time. If you are driving a car to school, **please be considerate of residents and parents and carers** who are walking to school.

Finally, if your child or any member of your family is showing any sign of an illness that could be a symptom of Covid-19:-

- **High temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal you and your household must **self-isolate and book a COVID-19 test**. Please do not send **your child, or their siblings**, into school.

We will continue to review our systems and procedures and I would like to thank you all for everything that you are doing and your support for our school.

Best wishes



Matthew Reetz  
Principal

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