

Woodside Primary School Re-Opening

School Opening Plans for September 2020

This plan has been written in line with Government and Local Authority guidance and rigorous risk assessments, in consultation with local authority advisors, Halton head teachers, staff and Governors.

The aim of this plan is to facilitate full opening for school on Thursday 3rd September. It is appreciated however that this could be subject to change.

There will be specific arrangements for groups of children which staff and parents must adhere to strictly if we are to ensure the safety of our children.

The following guidelines will apply for all children returning to school:

- Only one adult may drop off/collect their child
- Parent/carer and child must adhere to current social distancing measures by standing in designated places.
- Parents/carers are committing to ensure that their child attends each day, is dropped off and collected at the allocated time and that all members of the household are continuing to adhere to the current advised social distancing guidance at all times outside school
- Children must bring a named water bottle to school daily – water fountains are out of use for safety reasons.
- Children should now be in uniform. If there have been issues over obtaining uniform then parents should speak to Mr Collings asap and alternative arrangements may be made. Any alternative clothing should be appropriate for school.
- Children will be allocated a shared desk with books, pencils and other stationery to be used by them only throughout the day.
- Children will be discouraged from moving around the classroom but movement may be necessary.
- Staff should still generally remain 2m away from children in class except for short periods of time where assistance is being provided.
- Lunchtimes will be staggered and tables disinfected between sittings
- Play equipment will remain off-limits for the time being
- Children will be supervised when moving around school between the classroom and toilet/outside, and will only be allowed to walk down the left of the corridor.
- All toys, soft furnishings etc. will remain off-limits in all classrooms.
- Children must not attend school if they, or any member of the household, are displaying any symptoms of Corona virus and must inform school immediately.
- If children develop symptoms while they are at school, guidance states that they must be taken to a room away from others and must be collected immediately by a parent/carer. A room has been identified for this. Children will not be left unsupervised.
- Staff will wear PPE equipment when giving first aid, changing nappies or waiting with a child who is symptomatic.
- Strict handwashing will be carried out throughout the day – on arrival, before food, after outdoor play, when using the toilet etc.
- Start times not changing as school operates an 8:45-9am opening time (although this would be subject to review). Juniors will finish slightly later to allow time for KS1 to leave the grounds and reduce congestion. A finish time of 3:10 is proposed, subject to review. Please do not arrive too early.
- Please use the bottom gate for entry and the top (electronic) gate for exit
- We are not opening up Breakfast Club just yet. We are concerned that year group bubbles would mix. We may open up again in due course.
- School will continue to have an extra clean during the day (door handles, sinks etc)
- We will not be doing toast but may serve fruit and/or biscuits mid-morning

Lessons and Learning

- Staff will endeavour to reassure the children in school as much as possible, in the opening few weeks, by providing opportunities for age appropriate discussions, relaxation, well-being activities, reading and maths including assessment activities to ascertain where children are at in their learning journey.
- A wider curriculum will be provided soon after re-opening in line with DfE guidelines that the curriculum should remain broad and balanced.
- Sessions that would normally involve carpet time will be affected. Phonic sessions etc will be conducted in chairs and tables.
- PE lessons will be returning. It would be much easier for children to come onto school in their PE kit on days when they have PE. Please arrange for children to wear a tracksuit if it is chilly.
- Many items that children normally use will still be off-limits (soft toys, sand etc)
- We do intend on offering as close to an early years provision as possible

Lunchtime

- We are aiming to fit all children in during the hour 11:50-12:50
- Juniors will go first as they are quicker. Children will be called in a group at a time. Tables will be disinfected as soon as they are clear.
- We are hoping to continue to offer a full menu but will advise.

I would strongly advise parents to have a contingency in place in case a local lockdown is called and schools have to close again.

We can't say at this stage whether it would be a complete lockdown or certain year groups but parents should have other arrangements just in case.