



# Woodcroft Primary School

Goldbeaters Grove  
Edgware  
Middlesex  
HA8 0QF

Headteacher: Mr Craig Tallon

Email: [office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net)

Tel: 020 8959 3244

Fax: 020 8959 0736

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you will have heard that the Government believes it may be in a position to implement a gradual, phased re-opening of schools from 1st June. This is the Government's **conditional** plan which it says will remain under regular review and is yet to be finalised.

Our first priority at Woodcroft has to be the health and well-being of all our children, families and staff. We will only get more pupils back into school as it is safe to do so. Therefore, when we receive further guidance from the Government and Local Authority we shall draft a plan of how we propose to do this and then share it with everyone.

Every family will be notified in advance of the specific dates and times that their child will be able to return. Do not send your child to school until you are asked to do so. We must however realise that when pupils do eventually return, school will not look anything like it did before lockdown! Some parents may choose not to send their child back immediately.

This means that we have much planning to do before we can open the school safely. The things we shall be considering are:

## **Social distancing**

We will develop separation plans to include playtimes, lunchtime, use of classrooms, halls and other spaces.

Arrival and collection times will be staggered, with one way routes in operation around the site.

## **Learning**

We will not have capacity for every pupil to be onsite at the same time. So classes may be split in half and then access school on a weekly rota.

Therefore, the current online learning programmes will most likely continue for all pupils throughout the phased opening. Pupils that are in school and those at home will be set exactly the same work.

When in school, pupils will remain in the same fixed groups with the same adult (these are sometimes referred to as 'bubbles').

## **Health & Hygiene**

We will prepare for extra health checks to be carried out at school, including temperature testing, and anyone with symptoms will be sent home (and those in the same class notified).

We will also work with the local authority to develop a school community testing protocol.

Cleaning regimes will be increased and monitored.

**To finish**

The key message is that the proposed, phased re-opening of schools needs to be done carefully and safely and I am sure you will support us whilst we do this.

We will be sending you more information as things become clearer and as we receive further guidance from the Government and the Local Authority.

If you have suggestions, please email the school directly. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Craig Tallon  
Headteacher

*Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>*