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With our AIM Values



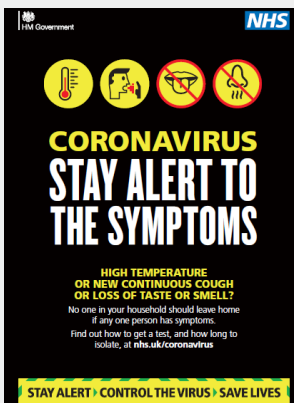
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Return to School Reminders

We hope that you have had a great summer. Pupils return to school on Monday 6th September. Children new to Reception and Nursery will be given separate, staggered start times.



Last year was particularly challenging for everyone! However, one thing that stood out was how well our amazing pupils settled back into school routines. Their attitude to learning and behaviour has always been excellent.

As we look to a new school year we sincerely hope that it will not be as disrupted as the previous two. Rest assured, we will always do our utmost to ensure our pupils continue to achieve the very best outcomes and work *'together towards success'* at Woodcroft.

You will find detailed information on our website here ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-organisation-for-september-2021/>

In this Newsletter we have highlighted some of the key headlines in advance of our return.

Our plan at Woodcroft is straightforward. We aim to relax certain restrictions so that we can operate more effectively. However, we propose to keep the underlying structures that allow us to lockdown or isolate year groups if required.

Organisation for September

Extended arrival between 8.30am – 8.55am remains

Pupils can arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.55am and go directly into class. Families will continue to follow the usual one way system for drop off.

Year Group Break and Lunchtimes

Pupils will continue to have staggered break and lunchtimes within their year groups. This provides more space to play. Children have a defined lunchtime sitting where they arrive and leave altogether.

Collection

Lessons will finish at 3.15pm. Children who walk home from school will be dismissed at 3.10pm. We continue to operate our queuing and one way system.

Masks Optional

The wearing of masks is now optional on school premises.

Uniform

We will be wearing full uniform including school shoes. See below for more information.

PE/Games Day

Pupils will wear their blue PE uniform to school on PE/Games days. Our coaches will continue to provide 1 hour of PE per class. This will be mainly outside or in the main hall. A second scheduled hour of PE will be implemented later in the term.

Library Organisation

Classes will begin to visit the school library from the start of October 2021.

Breakfast Club

8.00am Breakfast Club will be available from Monday 6th September at a cost of £1.50 per day. Please register and book via the school office. Children will **not** be seated in year group bubbles.

Acorns After School Club

Acorns After School club will be open from Monday 6th September and continue to run a slightly restricted service from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Please contact the Office for more information.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are planning to restart extra curricular clubs during the autumn term pending further risk assessment after re-opening.

Contacting the School

We will continue to keep the Office Window closed at the start and end of the school day to avoid queuing and congestion. Please email the office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net or call 02089593244.

Uniform

When we are getting ready for September and buying new uniforms please check our requirements below. One of the main things to think about is **shoes** - pupils are again expected to wear black shoes without logos. Sports trainers will only be permitted on PE and Games Days from September. Jewellery is discouraged, and please remember that we only allow *studs for school*. Hooped or drop earrings are not to be worn. Hair should be smart and able to be tied back if longer than shoulder length. Shaved hair designs (hair carvings) or eyebrow designs are not permitted in school.

Uniform Rules

All children should wear appropriate uniform at Woodcroft Primary School. We believe uniforms look smart, are practical and encourage a sense of belonging. We aim to keep our uniforms as cost effective as possible.

The uniform for all pupils consists of:

1. A red sweatshirt (either plain or school logo versions)
2. A plain white shirt or polo shirt
3. Grey trousers (boys & girls) or a grey skirt (**Not Black**)
4. **Black shoes** must now be worn again. All other footwear; including trainers (except for PE days), boots, open toed sandals are not suitable for school and should not be worn.
5. All head coverings should be in school colours – red, white, grey or black.
6. Red gingham school dresses can also be worn

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception Classes)

Reception uniform is the same as listed above, however plain grey jogging bottoms and training shoes can be worn every day.

Uniform in Nursery is optional, but recommended by the school. The vast majority of parents choose to send their child to school in uniform during Nursery sessions as it is the most practical choice.

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School

Classroom Kit for Year 1 to Year 6

We recommend every child to have their own pencil case with essential equipment.



Pencil case essentials (for Y1 to Y6):

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pencils

Optional extras for KS2 (years 3 , 4, 5 & 6)

- Glue Stick
- Protractor
- Handwriting Pen
- Highlighter



Refillable Water Bottles Only: Always remember your refillable water bottle. We do not want to see disposable single use bottles in school anymore. Not only are these bad for the environment, they are also distracting in class. You would be surprised at the noise they make in a quiet classroom when children are concentrating on their learning. Remember **no disposable bottles!** Thank you.

PE Uniform Days

Pupils wear their PE Uniform to school on their PE and games days.

Pupils must wear a full plain **navy blue kit** including shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. We also do not allow plimsolls for PE and Games in school as they do not provide sufficient support for growing feet. We also ask that you do not provide hoodies and items with a zip as these can be unsafe during certain physical activities. Also remember to make sure all items are named.

A FULL PE uniform should include



- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Trainers that are below the ankle

No high top trainers or plimsolls



- Plain navy blue jumper (no hoodies/zips)
- Plain navy blue joggers

No hoodies or zips (for safety) and please avoid branded items

Nursery Places for September 2021

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



A few places still remain in our Nursery for September 2021! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register. Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

We are switching school payment providers this term!

From Friday 10th September you will not be able to use School Money for Woodcroft. All transactions will need to be completed by Thursday 9th September. We are switching to Arbor for ALL school payment services. If you have not done so already you will need to activate your Arbor Parent Portal. All balances will be transferred across from School Money.



Arbor Parent Portal



We are putting everything for parents in one place with the **Arbor Parent Portal**.



From September you will be now able to make online payments through the Arbor portal.

Most parents have already registered to access their account. Reminder emails have been sent to everyone who still needs to log on. Please check your inbox and junk folders for the welcome emails from Arbor.

The Arbor system will be used for Email, Messaging, Assessment Information, Behaviour Reports and now Cashless Payments. All this from one convenient and secure login!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The first time you log on you will need to use a computer, laptop or tablet.

Parents who have done this already report that it is quick and easy. However, some phones do not allow you to press the 'accept terms' button because of their screen size. However, once this is done for the first time they say that it is easy to login using your phone.

Reporting Illness and Self Isolation

All children must attend school unless they are ill or exhibit symptoms of COVID19. Take a look at our COVID Planning poster for September by clicking here... <https://bit.ly/38xAllw> or by visiting our website.

Please inform the office immediately if your child is ill so that we can take any appropriate action to maintain everyone's safety. Thank you.



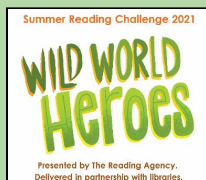
Have you finished the Woodcroft Summer Reading Challenge?



Woodcroft has been running a Summer Reading Challenge alongside the Wild World Heroes reading activities from your local library. Your Woodcroft target was to **pick 3 of the books that you have read over the summer and complete an assignment that was set by your child's new teacher** on meet the teacher day last term. To complete each assignment you will need to read a different new book. These can be the ones from the library as part of Wild World Heroes, or they can be books from home that you haven't got around to reading yet. When we return in September pupils will hand in their 3 reading tasks to their new teacher.



Library Reading Challenge!



Wild World Heroes took you on a trip to Wilderville, with help from WWF, for their special nature-themed challenge that inspired you to stand up for the planet. With amazing books, amazing rewards and lots of ideas for taking care of the environment. We hope that you were able to take part, and collect your special stickers and rewards along the way. Woodcroft teachers look forward to hearing all about it.

School Shoes



Please note that from September 6th pupils will again be required to wear plain black school shoes as part of their uniform for Year 1 through to Year 6. Reception and Nursery can continue to wear trainers as stated in our uniform policy.

We look forward to seeing Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday

