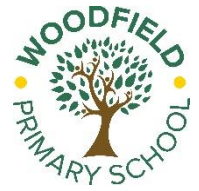




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Friday, 29 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will have heard that the Prime Minister spoke in parliament earlier this week about the government's plans for the 'full re-opening' of schools. In his statement, he confirmed that it will not be possible to increase the number of pupils attending schools immediately after the February half-term. Instead, he indicated that the earliest the government believes it will be safe to begin to increase pupil numbers will be from Monday 8 March.

While there remain too many unknowns to be able to say with certainty that schools will begin to bring back more groups of pupils on that date, this statement does at least provide a degree of clarity as to the government's position, at least in the short-term. We have been assured that schools, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

The Department for Education have stated that schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. After half term, school will remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, as it is now. All other pupils will continue to receive high quality remote education at home. This is in line with the wider national lockdown measures to help minimise the spread of the virus and respond quickly to the new variant.

I have to inform you that we have had further positive tests this week in school, which has resulted in Year 3 being closed, as well as breakfast and after school club. This brings the total since Christmas to nine and again shows how contagious this new variant is. Again we must reiterate that if you can keep your child at home, then you must do so. I have included the dates again for the rest of this term.

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	INSET day
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Break up for Easter
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET day
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	INSET day
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School opens
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Break up for Summer

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great weekend and take care.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury

Headteacher