

Woodfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It seems a long time since I could write to you at the end of a half term where all of our children have spent all of their time actually in school! Although the safety measures we have in school are still in place (and the children continue to be responsible and sensible in sticking to them), this term has felt much more like school as we want it to be. Next half term we have more visitors coming into school, to deliver workshops for the children, and we even hope to get out and have some days out! We are planning to have sports days and other events in school, and we will let you know about attendance for these events as soon as we receive updated guidance. At present, the guidance for schools has not changed, but as we emerge from lockdown, we are expecting it to. I will keep you informed. We have not had to close a bubble this term, and I hope this continues in the summer.

Again, I would like to say how proud I am of all the children and staff for their efforts this term. The children have been working very hard these last few weeks, and some of the progress I have seen in their learning has been amazing. Before lockdown, we had the most improved Key Stage Two results in the whole of Wolverhampton, and we intend to build on this by continuing to provide your children with the challenging and exciting curriculum that they deserve.

I would also like to thank you again for the part you play in making our school so successful. Your understanding and support has been incredible, and has helped us through these tricky times so effectively. I also want to thank everyone that continues to wear masks on school site, as this helps keep our staff safe. On that note, I need to inform you that the guidance for testing children has changed. From now on, if your child displays:

'any new ill health presentations' (not just the three typical Covid-19 symptoms of a fever, a new, continuous cough, or change to taste or smell) as well as those who become unwell whilst at school are strongly encouraged to get a <u>PCR</u> test and not return to school unless the test returns a negative result and they feel well.

This is a change to the guidance that is important. **ANY** new health issues means you should be taking your child for a PCR test. I am telling you this because we are now obliged to ask you to take your child for a test, should they fall ill for any reason. Let's hope we continue to see cases stable and we don't need to do this.

Mrs. Rogers has asked me to inform you that forms for Breakfast and After School Club will be available after half term. Please contact her if you need one. Please could I also ask that all invoices for the club, as well as any outstanding dinner money and 30 hour nursery provision payments are made as soon as possible please. All payments can be made via SIMS Pay.

Tomorrow is our final INSET of the term, and term will be ending on **Wednesday 21**st **July**. Your children will be returning to school **Monday 6**th **September**. That seems a long, long way away, but I am sure it will be here in no time.



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Can I (again) remind parents not to park or wait on the yellow zig zag lines outside school, however briefly. Not only does it block the road, but it is also very dangerous. The area outside school is the only safe place for children to cross that road, and any cars on the zigzags make it very difficult for the children to see. My biggest fear is that a child will be hit by a car outside the school, and we have recently had some near misses. So **please** don't park or stop there, it really isn't worth the one minute walk from the car park.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a wonderful holiday. It seems the sun is finally coming out and, frankly, it couldn't have been timed better (I will be reminding you about sun screen in no time at all). Take care and, as always, if there is any aspect of your child's education that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Philip Salisbury Headteacher