



Return to School, Monday 8th March

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Finally, we can welcome you all back to school and we cannot even begin to sum up our excitement at having all of your children back with us on **Monday 8th March**. The team here at Woodthorne have been working tirelessly to ensure that the whole school return is as smooth as possible. In order for this to happen, it is essential that we all work together to play a part in keeping each other safe. In light of this, we would like to inform you of the arrangements as of Monday 8th March 2021.

Arrival and Dismissal

Please ensure that only one adult accompanies your child/children to and from school to minimise numbers on the school site. Year 6 can continue to arrive and leave school unaccompanied as per the existing procedures. Please note that all children will still be required to wear school uniform. So far this year we have found the staggered arrival and dismissal times to be successful in reducing numbers on site. Therefore, there will be no change to school timings.

Year groups	School drop off time	Collection time
Reception, Year 1	8.30am	3.00pm
Year 2, Year 4, Year 5	8.40am	3.10pm
Year 3, Year 6	8.50am	3.20pm
Nursery	8.45am or 12.15pm	11.45am or 3.15pm

Upon arrival to the school site, it is **vital** that all parents wear a **face covering** and observe **strict social distancing measures** – this will be made considerably easier if prompt drop off and pick up times are followed.

Your child/children will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classrooms.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to permit parents to enter the building. Please could we ask all parents to observe social distancing of 2m when on site, especially if you need to communicate with staff members?

One-way System (see attached map)

The one-way system that was implemented in September will continue to be used across the school site. Whilst we appreciate it may be an inconvenience at times, **we must all play our part in ensuring each other's safety**. The one way system allows for social distancing measures to remain consistent. There will be staff outside ensuring these directions are followed and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring this followed at all times.



Key Stage group	One-way system
Early Years and Key Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please enter through the main school gates and walk up the school drive.• At the top of the school drive, turn right to access the EYFS and KS1 playground.• Once you have dropped your child off, then please continue in the same direction of travel, past the doors of the classrooms that lead onto the school field (signage will be displayed to show you).• Please turn left at the edge of the building, which will take you back onto the carpark.• Please walk back out through the main entrance (unless you have children to drop off in KS2 as well – please follow KS2 guidance to leave the premises).
Key Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please enter through the main school gates and walk up the school drive.• At the top of the school drive, turn left to access the KS2 playground• Once you have dropped your child off, then please continue in the same direction of travel and leave the school premises through the Meadway Gate.

Breakfast and After School Club

Due to staffing arrangements, the wrap around provision we provide will require forward planning. Therefore, all bookings will need to be placed for the following week by 8:00am Friday mornings please. The weekly online booking system will remain in place. Drop off and collection will be at the KS2 hall door – please just ring the bell and a member of staff will be out to greet you as soon as they can. As in September, the carpark will remain closed, so please continue to use the pedestrian gate to enter the school site. If you have any further queries about breakfast or after school club, please contact Ruth Edwards at r.edwards@perryhallmat.co.uk

Lates

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of punctuality during the current circumstances. We are limited with staff capacity and need to keep movement of children within the school building to a minimum. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are running late, please inform the school



office straight away so that appropriate provisions can be made. Please do not enter the school office under any circumstance. If the gates are closed, please press the bell at the pedestrian gate and await a member of staff to meet you.

Sports clubs

Outdoor sports clubs will be taking place from the first day back-many of you will have booked places for them. If your child is attending these clubs, they may attend school in their PE kits that day to prevent the transportation of additional bags to and from school.

Curriculum Adaptation

The school curriculum is going to be carefully adapted to respond to the ever-changing and widely variable needs of children following 8 weeks of remote learning. Teachers will skillfully adapt their curriculum content and coverage based on the needs of their children throughout the term. We will carefully assess understanding and make necessary adaptations to enable accelerated progress to be made.

Throughout this pandemic we have learnt many things: above all, the value of working together. Each individual has their part to play in helping to keep our school the safest place it can be. Many of the safety measures in place mirror that of the ones in September.

Our number one priority has always been, and will continue to be, the safety of our Woodthorne community.

As ever, we are here to support you and will always endeavor to return phone calls, emails or any other method of communication as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we are unable to conduct face-to-face meetings at this time. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office and alternatives can be arranged (we are now all 'Microsoft Teams' experts after all!)

Have a restful weekend, we have a jam-packed, fun-filled week of learning ahead. We cannot wait to see you all on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully,

T Hinkley
Headteacher