

Starting RECEPTION at Woodgrange September 2020

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school.

We are taking precautions to make sure that all of our community are safe in these difficult times. We are however keeping things as “normal” as possible for the children.

When you come to school we hope you will not notice anything different

We **ARE NOT** taking temperatures when your child arrives.

We **ARE NOT** asking you to wait until a certain time before coming in.

We have adopted safety measures in line with Government advice but we require support from our community to keep everyone safe. What we **ARE** asking is that you help us all by following the guidance below:

Our most important ways to keep everyone safe are

1. Avoiding contact with anyone who is unwell
2. Maintaining good hygiene and handwashing
3. Minimising physical contact

Health check-FAMILIES- should I bring my child to school?

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ABROAD TO A COUNTRY NOT ON THE SAFE LIST YOU MUST SELF ISOLATE AND NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL 14 DAYS AFTER YOUR RETURN. This absence will be authorised.



If anyone in the family has



- New continuous cough- 3 coughs in 1 hour or continuous coughing for 1 hour
- Fever- >37.8- feeling unusually hot on their back and chest
- Loss of taste and/or smell

KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

If your child is regularly sneezing or coughing or has an upset tummy we ask that you keep them at home to minimise the risk of any transmission of illnesses.

If your child is not coming to school please send a parentmail message. It is ESSENTIAL that you keep us informed about your family's health so we can track any possible outbreak and seek advice from public health.

We will contact you to find out how your child is if they do not attend but ask that you contact us first.

For everyone's safety we will require reassurance that you are all well and are practising isolation as required should anyone be ill.

We may refuse your child admission if we have any doubts about their being free of symptoms or if we question the length of self isolation.

If your child develops symptoms whilst at school you will be required to collect them urgently and will be given a leaflet explaining what to do next. It is highly likely the family will need to self isolate and you should arrange a covid test.

2. Please help us to practise good hygiene and ensure your child understands that they should wash their hands

- Before leaving home
- When they arrive at school/ home
- Before and after eating
- After using the toilet
- After blowing their nose

And that we should

- cough/ sneeze into elbows or a tissue which is immediately binned.
- Avoid touching faces

And that we should not

- shout into people's faces



- cuddle or hug people who are not in your household- holding hands for a short time is ok as long as they are washed afterwards
- spit

We ask that children wear fresh clothes each day- this does not have to be uniform.

They will make lots of use of the outdoor space so will need safe shoes and a jacket/ hat etc according to the weather. We expect excellent safe behaviour from all children. We will speak to you if we have any concerns.

3. Minimising contact

Coming to school

The safer streets will restart on 7th September. This means you will be fined if you drive here between 8.30-9.30 and 3-4pm

If your child is in Nursery or Reception you must use the Reception gate at start AND end of the day.

If your child is in Year 1 or 2 you must use the playground gate.

If you have a child on both sides of the school you may “cross over”. (Please drop of older child first)

If you have a bike or scooter please use the correct gate before storing (this may mean a few extra steps for you)

Nursery scooters are kept at the back of school.

We will have a soft start- classroom doors will open at 8.50 am and children will be able to go in to wash/ sanitise their hands. School starts at 9.10. This is to avoid crowding at gates/ sinks.

Please send your child to an adult/ door- do not come into the building.

End of day collection is from 3.20-3.30. Please stand well back from the doors to avoid crowding.

PARENTS ARE NOT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING AT ANY TIME unless invited by a member of staff.

You must closely supervise your child whilst waiting to come into class and help them maintain a 2 m distance.

When you arrive at school please maintain a safe (2m) distance from other families and wait in the general area of the classroom. A member of staff will call the children 1 by 1 to wash their hands as they enter the room.

Please do not leave school until your child has been called in.

If your child is upset please try to settle them outside and if not possible we ask you to take them home and try again the next day.

If you need to speak to staff please do so outside or email/ phone. We will call back.

Your child can bring a water bottle and their book bag as usual. If it is forgotten it must stay at home- we will not be accepting callers to the office to hand in extra items.

Contacting us

Please do not attempt to come into school. Please email info@woodgrange.newham.sch.uk or use parentmail or phone. Someone will get back to you promptly.

Members of school leadership will be present at each gate every day.

What are we doing in school? HEADLINES

Children will wash or sanitise their hands between activities and we will avoid close contact as far as possible.

All children will have lots of time outdoors

Spaces will be well ventilated

Classes will only mix outside. Early Years and Key Stage 1 will not mix at all.

Staff who work across classes will stay with 1 year group..

Use of the hall will be class at a time, children will be spaced out. They will return to class after eating (and may finish their meals there if necessary)

We will aim to offer a full curriculum but may have to adapt some subjects such as music.

PE equipment will be quarantined or cleaned between groups.

Staffing

Staff are also guided by the self isolation guidelines and will not be at school if they are unwell.

Staff will be following strict guidance around hygiene and will be cleaning throughout the day.

We have appointed a midday cleaner to clean shared spaces and toilets.

In the unlikely event that there are not sufficient staff for your child's class we may have to close it at very short notice. This will only be in the event of an emergency.

Staff are not required to wear PPE when teaching but your child should expect to see some staff wearing facemasks etc some of the time. Some members of staff may prefer to wear masks for their own peace of mind or protection due to individual circumstances.

This guidance may be updated from time to time and will be reissued with changes marked clearly if this is the case.

We hope that we have managed to give you and your child as good a start as we can in these unusual circumstances. I look forward to meeting you soon

Sarah
Headteacher