



Dear Families,

We have had a really positive start to the year.

The Reception children have started staying for lunch and our new system of having year group “bubbles” eating OR playing at the same time has worked even better than expected- many thanks to the midday team and all the staff for their help in making this happen.

Bubbles

We have organised the children so that they do not mix indoors and therefore avoid close contact in a confined space. The children are mixing outdoors in the fresh air and where they can spread out. Our risk assessment is that it is safer to have children together outside than to restrict outdoor time and keep 30 children indoors close together while another group have outdoor time.

Access to school

The drop off and pick up system seems to be working well. Please use the gates allotted to your child’s year group and drop the older child first. This helps create a one way system and helps social distancing. Please also avoid chatting at the gates as with bikes, buggies and scooters the areas soon get blocked. Please move off as soon as you have collected your child.

In response to feedback from parents we have opened the second playground gate. Please use with caution as there is no barrier between the gate and the road. We will stand there when we can.

Arriving late



If you know you will be late please call school.

If you are a bit late and the gates are shut please buzz for entry and we will collect your child from you and sign them in.

Medicines in school

If your child needs medicine in school please email Shama before bringing it in. shama.saeed@woodgrange.newham.sch.uk



Bikes and scooters

I am delighted to see so many children coming to school on wheels! Can scooters be stored in the green racks to leave space for bikes in the shelter area.

Health Advice

Each morning we are receiving calls asking about symptoms. We are happy to help but would recommend you ask your GP or call nhs111 for medical advice.

A runny nose or sore throat are not symptoms of covid-19 on their own- this is likely to be the common cold. If a persistent cough and/or high temperature or a loss of taste/smell is also present then this is more concerning.

For children in Year 1 and 2

Our playful learning has, of course been very popular with the children. With the lovely weather most have been outside for much of the day. The sandpit has been turned into a beach and there has been lots of water play as well as interesting concoctions in the mud kitchen.

Please do not send children to school in “best clothes”.

Because of all this activity we would like all children to bring in a change of clothes to keep at school.

We would like children to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day as follows:

Mon	Willow
Tues	Larch, Cherry
Weds	Rowan, Hazel
Thurs	Holly, Hawthorn
Fri	Maple

We will send home any PE kits we have in school on Friday ready for wearing to school next week.

Across the school

To help our playful learning we would love to have any donations of:

- unwanted children's wellies- any size
- kitchen utensils and pots and pans for the mud kitchen- and if you have any unwanted small appliances like kettles or microwaves????
- conkers, pinecones, shells and other interesting natural treasures!
- trimmings from herbs such as sage, bay leaves or lavender
- We are opening the woodwork shed next week and will need a constant supply of wood

From Monday 21st we will be having the edible playground installed near the woods.

The team of 4 will be on site for 3-4 weeks so the children will see the work going on.

They are building raised planters and spaces to grow vegetables and flowers.

This will form part of our play and learning space, contributing hugely to our science learning.

The team will use the caravan as their "staff room" and we will open it as a reading space after the project is completed. I know the children are desperate to get inside



Have a lovely weekend Sarah & Staff

