

Woodside Primary School Re-Opening

School partial re-opening plans

This plan has been written in line with Government and Local Authority guidance and rigorous risk assessments, in consultation with local authority advisors, Halton head teachers, staff and Governors.

Following consultation with the Local Authority, it has been decided that Halton schools and nurseries will aim to open to more children from **Monday 8th June**, giving schools more time to prepare for a potential reopening. It is appreciated however that this could be subject to change.

There will be specific arrangements for each group of children which staff and parents must adhere to strictly if we are to ensure the safety of our children.

The following guidelines will apply for all children returning to school:

- Only one adult may drop off/collect their child
- Parent/carer and child must queue adhering to social distancing measures by standing in designated places 2m apart, which will be marked onto the floor outside the classrooms.
- By accepting a place, parents/carers are committing to ensure that their child attends each day, is dropped off and collected at the allocated time and that all members of the household are continuing to adhere to social distancing guidance at all times outside school
- Children must bring a named water bottle to school daily – water fountains are out of use for safety reasons.
- Children must bring a packed lunch from home or a meal can be ordered in school or by phone/text. FSM children, Reception and Year 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day – but these must still be ordered.
- Children must be dressed in clean clothes each day, but this does not have to be uniform every day, as we appreciate the frequency of washing this creates. Alternative clothing should be appropriate for school.
- We can fit a maximum of 6 children safely in each classroom to allow 2m between each child and the teacher (10 in Y6 classroom). This means that children will be allocated to a group with one teacher, and they must remain in this group each day. This will not be the usual class teacher for some children as we need to split children into small groups.
- Children will be allocated their own desk, workbook, pencil and other stationery to be used by them only throughout the day.
- Children will not be allowed to move around the classroom and must remain seated.
- Children will eat lunch at their desk in the classroom although one class will be allowed in the hall.
- Each group will be given an outdoor break for fresh air at staggered times. Children will not be allowed on play equipment at this time.
- Children will be supervised when moving around school between the classroom and toilet/outside, and will only be allowed to walk down the left of the corridor, 2m apart.
- All toys, soft furnishings etc. will be removed from all classrooms.
- Children must not attend school if they, or any member of the household, are displaying any symptoms of Corona virus and must inform school immediately.
- If children develop symptoms while they are at school, guidance states that they must be taken to a room away from others and must be collected immediately by a parent/carer. A room has been identified for this. Children will not be left unsupervised.
- Staff will wear PPE equipment when giving first aid, changing nappies or waiting with a child who is symptomatic.
- Strict handwashing will be carried out throughout the day – on arrival, before food, after outdoor play, when using the toilet etc.
- Start and end times for each group of children will be staggered in order to keep everyone safe.
- Staff will endeavour to reassure the children in school as much as possible, by providing opportunities for age appropriate discussions, relaxation, well-being activities, reading, maths and other learning activities,

but with the restrictions to resources and movement, it will not be a full, structured curriculum in a usual lesson format.

Key workers and vulnerable children

Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to be offered a place as we have been doing since March 20th. Children of key workers must only attend on the days when the parent/carer is working. The places for all children are on the basis that families are adhering to social distancing guidance. Children of key workers in Reception, Y1 and Y6 can either be part of the emergency childcare group, or their year group – please be aware that there are different start/end times for each group so parents will need to make a choice as to which group they would like a place in, then the child must remain in that group.

After 8th June, the key worker group will exist as a separate bubble. With separate staffing. At this time we do not have confirmation of definite numbers but are expecting at least 2 children. Their entry to class will be via the bottom pedestrian gate and into Thetford class.

EYFS children

Guidance states that we must remove all soft furnishings (cushions/blankets/tents/dens etc.), non-plastic/non-wipe clean toys (teddies, dolls, dressing up etc.) malleable materials (sand/dough etc.) and limit the use of resources such as paint brushes etc. This is a hugely restrictive, particularly for EYFS, and means that there are very few resources that we can use with our youngest children safely at this time. All infants will use the EYFS toilets and staff will supervise to ensure no contact and social distancing. Staff will do their very best to encourage social distancing, but we know how difficult the children will find this, particularly as they readily run up to staff and hug them usually, but this just isn't able to happen at the moment.

Reception and Y1

- Not anticipating many EYFS children, only 3 confirmed.
- Only 3 Y1 children confirmed at this time
- Propose to combine the two groups to ease staffing.
- Two groups will have separate entry and exit points to help social distancing.
- Timings of 9 to 2:45 for infant children.

Year 6

As the year 6 room is bigger, we anticipate being able to accommodate all returnees at once, based on confirmed numbers (14). They have a separate entrance and parents have been advised to be vigilant about collection and drop-off, especially through school gate. As y6 is largest groups we are proposing allowing them access to the hall but no other classes. This means they will be able to eat in hall. They will be able to use the junior playground for supervised breaks.

Timings of 9:15 to 3pm for Y6 children and any key worker children

We await guidance on whether there will be any transition activities.