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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School. I hope that you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. We hope that this academic year is much more settled and less challenging than the last and that we can all see some sort of return to normality. Throughout the summer, staff have worked tirelessly to create exciting, bright and stimulating learning environments for your children. We have also been creating a new website to share information about the school and give each class a page where teachers can share what your children will be learning throughout the year. The address is:

<https://www.wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk/>

The new website is still under development and we welcome any feedback.

COVID Update

During the summer, many of the restrictions put in place by the government were lifted. As a school we will be working hard to ensure that measures are established to protect your children. In line with the local authority Health Protection Hub guidance, we will:

- Use the online form to tell the Hub about positive cases. The Hub want to continue to support schools to manage their cases.
- Remain vigilant for pupils with symptoms.
- Communicate with parents advising that children with the main symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school – they should remain off school and book a PCR test. Children who have the precautionary symptoms and who are not well enough to attend school should also be advised to get a PCR.
- Keep up with all the controls that were in place over the last academic year in relation to enhanced cleaning, ventilation and hand hygiene.
- Ask staff and pupils identified as close contacts to let the school know as soon as possible.
- Ask staff who are close contacts to take a PCR and to not come into school to work whilst they are awaiting results.
- Ask staff to continue to carry out their own Lateral Flow tests twice weekly.

Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case in all education and childcare sectors

From Monday 16 August 2021, unvaccinated young people (up to the age of 18 years and 6 months) and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. All individuals are strongly advised to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual.

September Routine

From September we will be returning to normal start and finish times and there will no longer be bubbles within school. Children will be able to mix again across classes and all share the dinner hall. Following feedback from parents, pupils and staff, one of the things we would like to keep is children wearing PE kit to school on the days that they have PE rather than having to get changed at school. It is therefore important that children wear the school agreed PE kit which is plain black, grey or navy shorts or jogging bottoms and a plain white T-shirt along with their school jumper or cardigan. The timetable below shows which days your child will be doing PE and the days on which they should therefore come to school in their PE kit. They will not need to bring full uniform to school on those days, just the school sweatshirt or cardigan. Long hair needs to be tied back for P.E. and stud earrings removed. If your child is unable to remove them then tape will need to be placed over the studs before they come to school.

If your child has Forest schools a letter will be sent out in the first week back explaining kit and arrangements for this and it will commence during the second week back. Children will change into forest school kit on the afternoon of their session.

Day	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Monday	Year 4 - 4W Year 4 - 4B	Year 3 - 3G Year 3 - 3H
Tuesday	Year 3/4 - 3/4 L Year 5/6 - 5/6 BD Forest School 3H	Year 5 - 5C Year 5 - 5H
Wednesday	Year 3 - 3G Year 3 - 3H Forest School 4W	Year 3/4 - 3/4L Year 5/6 - 5/6 BD
Thursday	Year 6 - 6S Year 6 - 6J	Year 4 - 4W Year 4 - 4B
Friday	Year 5 - 5H Year 5 - 5C	Year 6 - 6S Year 6 - 6J

First Day Back

From Monday 6th September, all children will be able to arrive at school from **8:45am** when the gates will open for all children to be in class by **8:55am** when registration will close. The children will be using the gates nearest to their classrooms:

Class	Gate in	Gate out	Time in	Time out
3G, 4B, 4W, 5C, 5H	St Luke's Gate	St Luke's Gate	8:45am	3:20pm
3H, 3/4L, 5/6 BD 6J 6S	Main pedestrian gate	Main pedestrian gate	8:45am	3:20pm

Parents of year 3 children can walk their children onto the playground for the first couple of days where children will be met by one of the year 3 team and escorted round to their classrooms.

At the end of the day, the gates will be opened at 3:10pm for the children to all leave at 3:20pm. Parents can wait on the playground to collect their children if they do not wish them to walk home independently (we recommend this for years 5 and 6 only). Please can we ask that you maintain social distancing as much as possible during this time. Face coverings are now personal choice but to protect our children and staff, we would appreciate your co-operation in wearing one whilst on our premises. **The collection playground will be the same one the children enter through in the mornings and all children will leave at 3:20pm**

School Dinners

If your child would like a school dinner, please make sure that you have paid IN ADVANCE of them taking the meal. During the first week of this term, a letter will be sent with all year 3 children to advise parents how to pay online for school meals. In the meantime, meals should be paid for in cash which must be placed in a sealed envelope which has your child's name and class on, the amount enclosed and 'school dinner'. PLEASE NOTE: we can only trace lost dinner money if you follow this advice. The cost of a school meal is £2.40 which includes either a hot meal and a dessert or a school prepared sandwich, yoghurt or fruit and a cake or biscuit. If you wish for your child to bring home sandwiches, they will need to bring a packed lunch from home which will be eaten in the school hall at dinner time. All children will be asked on entry to the classroom each morning which of these options they will be taking for lunch.

We will need to contact you to come to school if your child arrives at school with either no packed lunch or no means to pay for a school meal.

Here is the link to the Telford & Wrekin catering school meal menu which is served in our school:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/402/wrockwardine_wood_junior_school_menu

School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform. We feel it promotes our sense of community where all of our pupils are ambassadors for the school within the local community.

A blue school sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo

Dark grey or black trousers or knee length skirt (appropriate for school wear) or pinafore

Mid blue summer dress

White polo shirt

Dark school shoes that are suitable for inside and outside wear and appropriate for the weather

Black or white plain socks

If you are struggling financially to purchase uniform, please call into the school office as we often have uniform which is still in very good condition donated to us which we sell at a cost of £1 per item for school funds. Uniform will be UNAVAILABLE to purchase on the first day back (6th September) and if you have forgotten to get uniform, please send your child in a plain blue sweatshirt or cardigan for the first couple of days.

Breaktime Snack

If you wish to, your children can bring a healthy break time snack to have during their play. This should ideally be a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative snack. Children are not allowed chocolate bars or sweets as a snack at playtime or in their lunch boxes.

Pencil Cases

As a school staff we have made the decision to discourage the children from bringing pencil cases into school. We realise that you have probably already bought a new pencil case and its contents—this is fine but the pencil cases will be kept in the children's drawers at school in the future. They can obviously still be used for completion of homework tasks but the staff would like consistency in the school books and a variety of different type pens does not give this. Your child will be provided with everything in school which they will need during the day.

Toys from home

Reminder that no toys should be brought to school from home unless staff have asked the children to do this. Toys brought in can often get broken or lost during play and school are not responsible for this so it is better not to have them here. This includes fiddle toys (unless your child has been asked to use one in school by staff), teddy bears or dolls and poppits. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Nala

Over the holidays our school dog, Nala, has been continuing with the training as well as growing lots. She will be increasing her involvement with the children from September and supporting our nurture team. If any of our new parents of the year 3 cohort have any concerns regarding this or would like to chat to me about this, please contact me via the school office on 01952 387880.



Newsletters

We produce a newsletter on a Friday each week which will be posted on our school website, our school Facebook page and Class Dojo. Much of the information here has already been posted on previous newsletters which can be found by accessing these sites.

Attendance at School

Polite reminder:

We require contact from a parent/carer each day their child is absent from school. Failure to contact school about a child's absence can result in us following safeguarding procedures to ensure your child is safe and well.

Please contact the school office via email a3129@telford.gov.uk or telephone 01952 387880.

Thank you for your patience with us in sending out all this information—we were awaiting the Government's final guidance and to make sure that nothing was due to change again before the start of term.

And finally, we hope that the measures we put in place allow us all to have a safe and successful return to school on Monday 6th September. Enjoy the last weekend of the holidays and we all look forward to seeing your children back in school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you,

Tracey Cartwright
Head Teacher