



Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School

Newsletter – Re-opening Edition



5th June, 2020

RRSA article for June is article 12: **'the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.'**

School value for this half term is **Respect.**

Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you for your continued support and understanding as school continues to develop and risk assess our plans for wider opening to more pupils. This is a gradual process in order to keep everyone safe. Our whole school risk assessment is on the website.

I hope you understand that we are using all available staff and spaces in school for our 'family groups' or bubbles. Every available space in school has been measured and risk assessed for how many pupils it can hold, keeping to the 2m rule and how many staff we have to supervise each group. This is what ultimately dictates and limits how many children we can safely have return to school. We would love all of our children to return this term, but current government guidance must be followed and the safety of pupils and staff is of paramount importance to reduce the risk of spreading infection and cross-contamination.

I will be sending out more information next week, once we know how many key worker, Reception and Year 6 children we have returning to school. It may be that we have reached capacity but are doing all we can to keep you updated along the way.

Can I also remind our parents/carers that it is a *phased return* for Reception and Year 6 pupils for their first week back. Unfortunately, we cannot let children 'switch' or change between family groups whilst in school. This means that if your child is registered as a key worker in reception or year 6 and you require childcare including Friday afternoons, then

your child would need to stay in the key worker provision (Mon-Fri, 9-3pm). Key worker provision includes daily home schooling accessed through their class bog sites. They will also be grouped according to class/year group/phase as best as possible.

Please see our website and the class blog sites for our virtual tour of the school and other guidance you might find helpful. We hope it offers you a means of talking about returning to school with your child at home. *Coming soon* - keep an eye out for the version specifically aimed at our Reception children.

We received a message from the council regarding the reopening of schools and our crossing wardens. Unfortunately our warden, 'Tony on Hannon Road, will not be returning to work due to the current climate.

Due to the restraints on our service we are unable to provide alternative cover at this location. We will look to review the situation again for the new term in September 2020.'

Stay safe and well.

Ms McGrath



Notices and updates

Safeguarding

Any relevant safeguarding and welfare information held on all children must remain accurate. Please let a DSL know of any changes regarding welfare, health and wellbeing that we should be aware of before your child returns;

Free online mental health support

We are aware of the increasing pressures many of you are facing as a result of the COVID-19 'lockdown', and the enormous impact that this is having on you. Added to this, there may well be other factors that you would like support with at this time.



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We know that a lot of our young people have particular concerns about school closures and exam cancellations; family relationships; domestic violence and concerns about parents with substance misuse issues. We also recognise that there will be a range of issues that you may need support with.

You now have access to Kooth – a free online mental health support service for all 11 – 25 year olds in Birmingham, and can be accessed here: www.kooth.com - for more information

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/download/s/download/3481/online_mental_health_support

If you would like to discuss Kooth further, please contact Maxine Tomlinson, Improvement and Transformation Manager, Birmingham Children's Partnership on 07502 908790 or via email at: Maxine.tomlinson2@nhs.net.

NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Please see the link below from PAUSE. (If you are not familiar with this service here is a link to the website: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>)

They are keen to reach out to as many young people as they can and are looking for ways to improve access etc. Included in the thread below is a link to a survey which can be completed by parents/children and young people or professionals. I am also including the direct link to the survey here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SOAKNBzYq06lpLdJH6ikCBHy_-Rur56iHrLY8Xx5OvYhUM0M4VVA4MVA5WUQ5M014UjEzRIBFR0RFTI4u

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care.

The **e-Bug** project is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene. Resources are currently available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 and can be used in various settings including schools and at home:

<https://e-bug.eu/>

Bike Week (6-14 June)

Cycling UK are encouraging people to make cycling their daily exercise during **Bike Week 2020**. Families can do the rides as part of their journey to school, or to take a break from home learning and enjoy some fresh air!

There are lots of exciting and interactive bike themed activities that can be used in school or at home – please do share these with parents through your communication channels as appropriate:

- Check out our **Cycling in Birmingham guide**, including places to cycle that could help plan a route to school.
- Bikeability have developed some **additional resources** to support cycling during COVID 19.
- **Sustrans** have launched free resources to help parents who are looking after their children at home.
- British Cycling have produced some great ideas for cycling on their **Let's Ride Local website**. Don't forget to take part in their **'Design Your Own Jersey' competition!**
- Try out everyone's creative skills with Birmingham's very own **Bling Your Bike competition!**

Happy cycling!



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Help and support

There are organisations and local charities who offer bereavement support:

Childline:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/when-someone-dies/>

Childline's provides online tools that children and young people may find helpful:

- [Calm Zone](#) - activities to let go of stress
- [games](#) to take your mind off things
- [information and advice](#) on topics from feelings, relationships, family and schools
- [peer support message boards](#)
- [Childline Kids](#), our website for under 12s.

Beyond the Horizon

Website: www.beyondthehorizon.org.uk/
Beauchamp Road, Birmingham, B13 0NS
Tel: 0121 444 5454

During Covid19 Lockdown contact:
07906 621 345
or email admin@beyondthehorizon.org.uk
Supports children, young people and families from the Birmingham area who have been affected by loss, bereavement, divorce or separation.

Edward's Trust

3 Vicarage Road, Edgbaston, B15 3ES
Tel: 0121 454 1705
Email: admin@edwardstrust.org.uk
Offers counselling (1 to 1, as a couple, or as a family) support groups, and wellbeing therapies and social events. Offers support to adults, children and young people who have had someone important to them die, or have a parent, significant carer, brother, sister, other family member or friend who is terminally ill.

Malachi

Website: www.malachi.org.uk/

Tel: 0121 441 4556

Email: enquires@malachi.org.uk

Supports parents/carers, young people and professionals through a range of counselling based therapeutic interventions to create lasting change

Other useful links:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/friends-relationships-sex/friends/friendships/#goodbye>

School Uniform for September 2020

A message from Clive Marks in light of Covid-19.

1. Parents can now set up an online account with Clive Mark Via our website, It's a simple process to register and will make shopping online more efficient. We really do stress this will help immensely this year and help maintain social distancing measures so stores do not come under pressure. We would also like to stress that parents should not leave purchasing uniform to the last minute this year as this will be a huge challenge in the current climate.
2. Please inform all Parents and Carers who want to shop online that they can get 15% off discount by applying this code **NI2020** (New Intake only Please)
3. We have launched a voucher scheme with "Saving Local" enabling parents/carers to buy vouchers when they can afford to do so and help spread the cost of payment in this manner. Please see Clive Mark Website for details (clivemark.co.uk)
4. We are also looking to introduce a split payment system to help parents spread the cost of payment, this is



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work in progress as the software must be compatible with our tills.

5. Parents/carers will be able to book appointments with our online service ensuring they have a time slot attending to their particular needs, Visit clivemark.co.uk
6. Some positive news on exchanges, we will extend the period where products can be exchanged up to 2 months from date of purchase.
7. Our Business will re-open fully across all sales streams from the **18th June**.
8. Our Local store manager will contact schools directly to organise individual school days at our store w/c 15th June.