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Local Schools Promoting A Return To School



We are open, we are safe and we are all bringing back as many pupils as we can!

Woodcroft IS Doing It !

- We have been OPEN EVERY DAY throughout lockdown
- ALL Government guidance has been followed
- ALL of our COVID19 safety measures were independently checked
- OPEN over Easter & ½ Term for Key Workers: not closed a single day!
- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 NOW OPEN since 1st June
- EVERY pupil who requested a place offered FULL TIME education
- 3 KEY WORKER HUB classes created
- ALL school classrooms and spaces now in use
- EVERY member of staff is in school or online is supporting our pupils
- WOODCROFT ONLINE virtual school available since day 1 of lockdown
 - ALL teachers hosting Google Classrooms every day
 - Extra-Curricular Activities posted online daily (challenges, competitions, stories, activities)
 - Weekly Achievement News and Online Singing Assemblies
 - Weekly Brain Builder Tasks
 - Regular Personal, Social and Health Education initiatives
 - FREE access to a suite of personalised learning apps
 - Dedicated Help Desk available every day to sort your tech issues!
 - 'GO GREEN' Pupil Engagement Monitoring
- Over 30 laptops loaned to families
- Weekly Learning Packs delivered to pupils without online access
- School Meal Vouchers distributed weekly
- Full 'in school' Catering Service every day throughout lockdown
- Food Parcel Delivery Service provided by staff throughout lockdown
- Welfare checks and doorstep visits every week
- Fully staffed School Office and Coordinated Family Support Services
- WHOLE SCHOOL Community 'Together Towards Success' Projects:
 - Weekly News Desk Videos
 - Epic Woodcroft Wave
 - Wonderful WOW Factor
 - Stars of the Week Celebrations

OPEN EVERY DAY * FULLY STAFFED * IN SCHOOL and ONLINE SUPPORTING OUR PUPILS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

What is happening at school?

Woodcroft is following government safety guidance. Pupils can only be in small socially distant groups. According to the rules, our classrooms only fit a maximum of 12 pupils. The government asked us to open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and key workers. This meant that we filled up nearly all of our available spaces and used up all available staff for only a quarter of pupils!

What about September?

This is a common question! And one we can not fully answer. We hope everyone is able to come back but it is not guaranteed. In September pupils may still be in smaller groups, or on a rota. There is also always the possibility of schools going back into lockdown. Rest assured we will do everything possible to support our pupils while following the latest safety guidance.

Does your child have access to a Chromebook (or Laptop)



If you want to support your children both now and for the future, one of the best things we could suggest would be to get a Chromebook.

Phones and tablets are ok for watching media and communicating - but they are not ideal for school work. We highly recommend using a device with a proper keyboard. This is essential for proper study.

A Chromebook is like a laptop but more suited to school work at Woodcroft. Everything we do in school is on the Google Chrome platform. Microsoft Windows laptops are fine to use but not as straightforward.

We only use Chromebooks in the classroom. Chromebooks are reasonably cheap to buy and you can sign in directly to your child's school account. When your child is logged into Woodcroft it is safe, filtered, virus free and simple (no need for multiple passwords). If you are thinking of saving up to buy a device in the future, and you want to support your child's learning, we would strongly suggest getting a basic Chromebook. It does not need to be the latest top model for school.

If your child has a chromebook they will be able to continue to use it for homework and study when we return after lockdown. It will be a good long term investment for your child's education.

Woodcroft Online School - Please continue to support your children!



Well done everyone for doing so well with virtual school at **Woodcroft Online!** You should all be very familiar with our virtual school powered by Google Classroom. But it is now more essential than ever that parents continue to support their children with school work at home. We know it has been a long time, but those children who have been active online and



engaged with their teachers will be much better prepared when schools return.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - Last chance to sign up for school

We have opened our registers for the final time for parents in the Government's priority year groups (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6). This will be the final time we ask you to select an option. If we do not hear from you we shall assume that you do not wish your child to return to school before September. Detailed guidance has been distributed to families in the priority year groups.

The following arrangements have now been put in place for week beginning 29th June:

- On Thursday 18th June parents in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and 6 update preferences
- Deadline for responses is Monday 22nd June at 3.00pm
- The school will then plan new attendance rotas and notify parents by Thursday 25th June
- Parents will be notified if their child can attend school from 29th June
- Pupils who currently attend DO NOT need to reapply
- Please call the school 02089593244 or email office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net

Do you now qualify for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be eligible, please check your status on the government website and then call the school office as soon as possible:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We will then arrange for you to provide your evidence so that you can begin to receive one of our free food or voucher offers.

Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Option

**Weekly shopping vouchers worth £15 to spend at supermarkets
will be sent to your smartphone!**



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***Please note:** eligibility for Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals normally given to every KS1 and Reception pupil. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to claim your voucher. Check using the website above.

Class List Considerations for September

Due to pupils moving on and new children starting at Woodcroft classes can become imbalanced. As a result, we are now revising our class lists for September 2020. If you would like the school to consider a preference regarding a significant friend who your child would like to be placed with please write to the Office by **Friday 26th June**. We **cannot** guarantee to accommodate all requests, but we endeavour to place children in a class group that is in their best 'educational' interests. However, this is not always with their 'best' friends.

Please do not assume a conversation with a teacher earlier in the year (or in previous years) will be taken into consideration at this point.

Please note, we will not be able to accommodate any request after 26th June.

Please Be Respectful to Neighbours

Can we remind parents and carers to respect our neighbours driveways and the access to their properties. Despite it being much quieter at the moment we have still received complaints about young children playing in the gardens and on the driveways of nearby houses. Please keep to the pavements at all times.

Also, parents should NOT drive down the single lane access to the back gate of the school. For safety reasons, this is restricted to school staff and residents only.

Thank you

Nursery Places for September 2020

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery

Childcare
Choices

Despite the school being closed, it is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2020. A few places still remain! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register.

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2020.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.