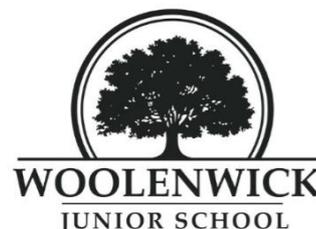


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Ofsted Visit**

I would just like to say an enormous thank you to everyone for all of your support, encouragement and kind words during our recent Ofsted inspection.

The inspectors, Joseph Figg and Bridgette Gough, spent two days at the school talking to parents on the playground, analysing data, scrutinising teaching and learning in books and evaluating all of the responses from Parent View.

The school has received feedback, but the official report is confidential until it is published online; this should be available within the next three weeks. Once we have notification of the report we will inform parents of the outcome and where to download the report.

Thank you once again for all of your support.

### **Severe Weather Conditions**

We are coming into that time of year where severe weather conditions may impact us.

I have met with the Headteacher of Woolenwick Infant & Nursery School and we have agreed that, where possible, if one school closes the other school will close, as we are based on the same site. When closing a school the decision is not taken lightly and a range of factors need to be taken into account such as: predicted snowfall, distance that staff need to travel to come in and get home from work, outside surface conditions on paths, along with a range of other factors. Although we are two separate schools, we work together for the benefit of the children and families and only on the absolute rare occasion where for instance, our boiler may not work, may one school close.

There is a very good system that I recommend you register with called 'Everbridge'. This will let you know if our school and any other school in Hertfordshire will need to open late, close early or be fully shut.

I would strongly recommend that you take a moment to log yourself into the system. They don't hold any of your details except to give you updates on schools that you ask for information for.

In the event of a partial or full closure you will receive a text message and/or email to alert about Woolenwick. We will also post this information on the school website.

This system is important to us as a school as we do not have the capacity to phone every single parent, staff member and radio station but this system will alert you the second I alert it.

Please log onto:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

*see overleaf*



## New Playground Equipment Update

I would like to thank all of the children and parents for being so patient whilst waiting for the new equipment to be opened. The equipment was installed by a third party contractor, employed via a specialist playground equipment provider. Following a health and safety check on the equipment the company will be coming back to carry out some remedial work on it. Once this has been done the safety certificate will be released and the equipment can be used and enjoyed by the children. The work will be carried out this week and then the equipment should be able to be opened in the last week of term.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Mr G Hawkins*

Headteacher

