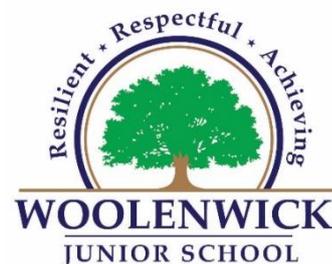


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4th January 2021

IMPORTANT: School ONLY open to Critical Workers (Keyworkers) and vulnerable children from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January 2020

NOTE: This letter is for the above parents/carers only

As with the majority of schools within Hertfordshire, we too have had to carefully consider whether to open to all or only some pupils this week to help reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. After discussion with Senior Leaders and our Board of Governors, **we can now confirm that from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January (until at least the end of the week), we will only be open to Critical Workers (Keyworkers) and vulnerable children only.** We will revise this on a weekly basis.

Children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including those children with child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care plans (EHCP) will also be allowed to attend school, at their parents' discretion.

Please note the following points:

- Parents should do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
- If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then your children will be prioritised for educational provision.
- Critical Worker (Keyworker) categories can be found on this government link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
- Please do not contact the school requesting places if you do not come under the keyworker or vulnerable category, as stated within the link above.

If you have received this letter and DO NOT wish for your child/ren to attend, please inform the school office by 2.45pm today. If we do not hear from you it will be assumed that your child/ren will attend.

Either call the School Office 01438 216565 (and leave a message) or, email admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk.

As a school, we have very little time to put preparations in place and therefore we need to know as soon as possible how many children will be with us from tomorrow (and this week) to ensure staffing ratios are appropriate. I know that this is a very quick turnaround, and some families have already let us know, but if we could have this information by 2.45pm at the latest that would be very helpful.

If we are able to help you in anyway, please let us know. Keep safe and well.

With kind regards, Ms T.Koser, Acting Headteacher

See overleaf for further notes about the timings of the school day, free school meals etc



Please Note:

At this stage I can confirm that children who are attending will need to:

- Wear school uniform. There will be no requirement to wear PE kit this week.
- Normal school start and end times in accordance with your child's year group
- Enter and exit as previous terms arrangements
- Bring a home packed lunch and named refillable water bottle
- If your child wishes to have a school meal the only options available will be school packed lunch or a jacket potato. No other hot meals will be available this week
- Wear a warm coat to school – the children will be playing out in dry weather
- Normal collection time of 3.30pm (with exception of Year 3 who are to be collected at 3.20pm). Only children in Year 5 & Year 6 with permission to walk home will be allowed to do so. All children in Year 3 and Year 4 must be collected by a named adult.

Free School Meal Children

We will still be providing food for free school meal children (who are not able to attend school) in the form of a packed lunch or jacket potato, although you are welcome to send your child into school with a home-packed lunch if you wish.

Parents/carers who are well, and not self-isolating, will be able to come to the school and collect their child's lunch each day and take it home for them to eat. Please collect it from the front office at midday. If your child falls into this category you will have received a text.

Blast Club

If your child normally attends the BLAST Club (breakfast or after school club). This will be open for them (keyworker children only). This is a paid service as normal.

Please email Jacky directly to confirm attendance: jbaynham@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk

Children who are unwell or isolating

Children who are self-isolating because they or a parent/carer have tested positive for COVID-19 (or they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive) will be marked with an 'X' code, which means the absence is authorised.

If your child is due to come into school this week, but falls ill or needs to self-isolate, please let us know immediately.

