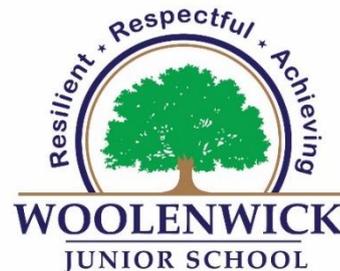


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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been long awaited and we are very excited to welcome you all back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

As per my previous letter, please can I request that all parents accompanying children on site wear a mask and adhere to social distancing parameters. We are keeping to the plan before lockdown, with the same timings and gates.

We are ready to receive your children and enthusiastically preparing work for the first week back. It has been some time since a number of the children have been at school in person, so we are preparing reintegration activities and planning in time for fun learning in different ways. It is our aim for children to want to be back and happy and to want to engage in learning in the first week back. This is important from a pastoral and well-being point of view, just as much as academic learning.

As we have had parents evening over these last two days, you will have had the opportunity to ask questions relating to school and returning to school. Staff have been keen to speak to you and answer these. A common query which has come through is regarding homework expectations moving forward. Are we still continuing on with Google Classroom? To clarify, **in the first week back we are not setting any homework**. The children will get their reading books and this will be all we want them to work on next week. No screen time for a week will be welcomed by many I'm sure! The last two weeks of the term will involve children getting back on to online software such as TT Rockstars, Mathletics and Reading Eggs and new logins will be provided to ensure that the children can still remember how to use these resources. We are not closing down Google Classroom and will continue to use this as we progress further into the school year. This has proved very valuable and the children are used to this. However, Year group emails will be closed down next week.

Secondly, please do not be anxious if you haven't got the exact uniform as your child has outgrown this. I anticipate a number of children will have! A close match is absolutely reasonable considering we are in lockdown, so the same colour or the closest match to the uniform is absolutely fine for the next couple of weeks. Let's please avoid bright colours and glitters- thank you!

We are down a number of staff this week and there will be some of our Admin returning to work over the course of next week but they will not all be back for Monday. Therefore, please be patient with us if there is a delay in responding to your queries.

Enjoy the last day of remote learning for those of you working with your children at home and we look forward to releasing you from the confines of the screen next week :)

Kind regards

Ms Koser (Acting Headteacher)

