

Woolpit Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe as the country eases some of the restrictions on lockdown that have been in place. It is mental health week, which could not be more prominent than the situation we find ourselves in right now. I hope you are all taking good care of yourselves and not putting too much pressure on to juggle all f the balls at once. Be kind to yourselves!

Update on school

We, as staff, have been working extremely hard during the lockdown period to tidy the school, paint and decorate the communal areas and organise it so that it is ready for the children to come back. I had a really good return on the parent's questionnaires that I sent out a few weeks ago about our school values and there will be more to come out soon about the work that we have been doing around them. Thank you to all that had a part in building these as the first building block for moving our school forward.

Our new school values are now:

NURTURE. INSPIRATION, RESILIENCE and RESPECT

Return to school – Key workers

As you will have heard in the media, the government announced that schools may open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the 1st June. At the same time, they also announced that many more businesses would be able to open. Since lockdown, we have been open to key worker children and will continue to do so. However, now that we will be having three other year groups in we will have a limited number of spaces for key worker children. The reasons for this is that we have a limited number of staff that are able to come in to the building to support all of the groups of children and there are only a certain amount of children that we can safely fit in to each classroom, where social distancing can attempt to be maintained.

Taking this all into consideration, we know we will have an increase in the number of key worker parents that want spaces as more parents return to work. We will have to prioritise children that have both parents as key workers and then it will be on an individual need basis after this. It is possible that we will not be able to offer any full-time spaces so please make sure you only book in for the times where you need us. The questionnaire will come out in the next couple of days to all parents so please get them back to us as soon as is possible as the spaces will fill up quickly.

Re-opening

We have contacted all of the parents in the three year groups that we may be opening to on the 1st June to get an idea of how many children will be returning. **The 1st June will be a PD Day** and will not be open for any children, as we will need to ensure that the whole school is ready and all of the many health and safety measures are in place.

I will get the information out to parents about what are plans are as soon as it is ready, which should be in the next couple of days.



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Half Term

The week beginning the 25th May is a half term week and we would like children to have a rest from home schooling, therefore no work will be set for this week by the teachers. The sun is supposed to be shining, so take advantage of the weather and time as a family.

We miss having all of the children in school. The place is not the same without them but we still want everyone to be safe and take care.

Kind Regards

Mrs Clayton
Headteacher



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