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Dear Parents and Carers of Wildmoor Heath Learners,

Further to my letter dated Monday, 22 February 2021, the Wildmoor Heath School team are looking forward to welcoming all our learners and families back to school from **8:40am on Monday, 8th March 2021**. Once again, we are delighted to be welcoming some new pupils to our school who have transferred over to Wildmoor Heath during the lockdown. I extend a very warm welcome to all our new families and trust that you will enjoy many happy years as part of our school community.



Returning to School

Our Wildmoor Heath team are excited to welcome all the children into school, and to help them to settle back into school life quickly and with confidence. We know that all the research in this area states that returning to normal school routines is important for children; it will have significant social, personal, academic plus mental and physical health benefits for your children.

We understand that some children, or indeed families, may have concerns about the return to school. Please be reassured that we will work closely with your child, as we did in September 2020, to welcome every child back and make each one feel happy and safe. To help teachers better understand any worries in their class, we will issue a questionnaire next week to all families inviting you to answer just a few questions about how your child is feeling about the return to school. I would stress that the government has made it clear that it is a legal requirement for all children to return to school on Monday, 8th March 2021, unless there is clear written medical advice to the contrary. Schools are expected to follow up on any absences promptly within our remit of safeguarding children's welfare.

Preparing Your Child

Please support your child and the school by preparing your child carefully over the next week. Children will need a reminder of the school day's routines and the changes this will bring to the whole family. Your conversation could include a discussion over the new daily routine, adjusted bedtime and getting up times, essential uniform and shoe requirements, etc. Your child will only need to bring the following items, **in one small rucksack/bag only**:

1. PE kit (essential for PE curriculum);
2. Outdoor shoes/wellies (essential for full curriculum);
3. Warm coat, hat and gloves;
4. Water bottle:

5. Healthy snack;
6. Packed lunch if needed (school lunches available);
7. Reading book and reading record.

Arrival and Collection Points

We will maintain our three-gate system, which has worked so well and the gates are shown below to remind families. Please note there will be no staggered start for drop-off and collection times. All families are expected to arrive between 8:40am and 8:50am and to drop your child off at the relevant gate. An adult will be there to meet and greet; children from years 3 to 6 are invited to proceed directly to class. Learners from years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be met at the carpark gate by school staff and taken to class.

Year Group	Drop-Off and Collection Gate
Reception	Double gates in carpark
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 4	Back driveway gate
Year 5	
Year 3	Main pedestrian entrance
Year 6	

Please remember to wear masks when you are dropping off/collecting your child. Please also respect our neighbours and queue neatly outside the school, with adequate social distancing, allowing local residents to pass on the pavement. Parents who are queueing in the carpark will need to maintain safe distances and wait patiently for staff to receive your child.

Children who bring their bikes / scooters will be able to store them in our bike shed, with the exception of Year 4 and Year 5 who can store them as they arrive through their gate.

Health and Safety Measures

The school will continue to operate under our stringent health and safety measures, as outlined in our Risk Assessment (see website). Children will be directed to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and to remain in their class bubbles. Peripatetic teachers for music and French will be on site, however, we will continue to minimise the number of other adults on site. This includes parents, external visitors and contractors. We would therefore request that all parents, with the exception of new families joining Wildmoor Heath School for the first time, to ensure that their child enters the school site alone, at the gates shown above. In this way, we will avoid cross-contamination and the spreading of germs/ infection.

Curriculum

Senior leaders have agreed that we will resume our full curriculum, as we did in September 2020, with the exception of Computing, which will resume after Easter. We believe that all pupils need access to a rich and varied curriculum, which enables to develop their skills in all areas. We recognise that many pupils may have gaps in their essential reading, writing and mathematics skills and teachers will adjust lessons to revisit previous learning and consolidate skills. Wildmoor's cross-curricular approach means that children are given many opportunities to apply their reading, writing and maths skills in other subjects, which will also help them to catch up. Our curriculum will include an increased focus on outdoor lessons, using our school site plus The Haven.

Priority readers will once again read daily with an adult and SEND / EHCP children will continue their intervention and support programmes of learning.



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Breakfast Club and After School Care: EnergyKidz

The EnergyKidz have confirmed that Breakfast and After School clubs will NOT operate until after Easter and we look forward to it recommencing. I know that numbers were low during the autumn term; with your support, I am confident that numbers will increase after Easter and that our valued club will continue to thrive. The school can provide parents with the details of local childminders upon request: please contact Mrs Attfield at the school office on 01344 772034 or secretary@wildmoorheath.org.uk.

Reminders on the School Day for Your Child

We are confident that all children will quickly settle to their new routines. Please take the opportunity to remind your child of these essential measures, which will help all children to settle quickly back into school:



1. In class, all learners (aside from Reception) will be sitting at forward-facing desks, in rows.
2. We will provide all the books and stationery that children need – no need for any pencil cases.
3. School staff will remind the children to wash and sanitise their hands regularly, notably before and after playtimes/lunchtimes, at toilet times and between lessons. Each classroom has a well-stocked sanitising station, as well as other public areas.
4. We will remind the children to stay in their class 'bubble', both inside the school building, and outside where they will have designated areas on the school field.
5. To ensure distancing between class 'bubbles', no whole school assemblies will be held - we will continue to record assemblies for the school so each class can watch them in their classrooms, hear the latest news and take part in our new initiatives.
6. Teachers will aim to take children outside for as many lessons as possible, using the school field, the Haven outdoor learning area, plus local walks, as appropriate.
7. Desks and tables will be wiped down regularly.
8. Professional cleaners will clean the school daily.
9. We will not hold any external day trips, other than local walks, for the time being. We await further government guidance on this.
10. We will continue to use Edmodo to set our weekly homework tasks, spelling, mathematics and project learning.

Contacting Teachers

Please continue to use the class e-mail addresses to contact your child's teacher with any queries or suggestions. For all other queries, please contact the school office on secretary@wildmoorheath.org.uk. We will inform parents at a later stage concerning the spring term Parent-Teacher meeting schedule; we are planning to hold these meetings on School Cloud, an on-line system, also used by Edgbarrow, more details will follow.

Staffing for Spring 2021

CLASS	TEACHER	LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF
Reception	Mrs Joseph	Mrs Smith, Miss Davis, Mrs Gray
Year 1	Mrs Dalton Student Teacher: Miss Riches	Miss Dyes
Year 2	Miss Smith	Miss Grove Mr Jackson
Year 3	Miss Thompson Mrs Hamer	Miss Clements Mrs Owens
Year 4	Mr Phelps	Mrs Osman
Year 5	Mrs Vincent	Mrs Muttitt
Year 6	Mr Thomas Student Teacher: Miss Barrass	Mrs Thurgood (School ELSA)
OTHER TEACHERS		
Years 3 to 6 French	Mrs Peake	Class staff
Forest Schools Teacher	Mrs Holt (absent until after Easter, Mrs Thurgood Acting Leader)	
Inclusion team	Mrs MacManus Special Needs Coordinator (SENDCo)	Mrs Thurgood Emotional Literacy Support Adviser (ELSA)

Thank you to the whole school community for your incredible faith and resilience over the past few months. Our families have been a strength to us all and your ongoing support has helped to keep all our staff positive. I would like to thank formally the whole Wildmoor staff team for their work in managing the Edmodo remote learning with the in-school supervision of mixed bubbles. I think we would all agree that our Edmodo provision has gone from strength to strength, thanks to our dedicated team.

Welcome to those families joining this unique community. We are all looking forward to being back together, learning and laughing once again and to welcoming you all on Monday, 8th March 2021 at 8:40am.

Best regards,



Mrs L. Semper
Headteacher