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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Latest Updates on CV-10, School Operations, the Curriculum, Trips and Assessments

I am writing to share with you an update on the operations of the school. I will also review the most recent guidance from the government, dated May 2021, concerning schools, as we move into the 'RoadMap' phase. The latest guidance can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985138/10_May_Schools_Guidance.pdf

Attendance

Since 8th March 2021, the government has clearly stated that attendance at school is mandatory for virtually all pupils. As part of this, parents and carers are expected to ensure their child arrives promptly every day, respecting our staggered timetables and entrances.

Term-time Holidays

The government has also stressed that all parents and carers should avoid taking holidays during term times and removing their child from school, even for a few days. Children have missed many months of their education, which represents a significant proportion of their young lives, and we would encourage you to resist wherever possible. The latest guidance, referenced above, states on page 30:

Where a parent wishes to take their child out of school for whatever reason, the onus is on them to apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why they believe the circumstances are exceptional. Schools make decisions on granting leave of absence, but will not normally do so for a holiday.

School Operations: Maintain Ongoing CV-19 Measures

At this early stage in the Roadmap phase, and with remaining uncertainties, I am pleased to announce that school operations will largely stay the same and our school CV-19 Risk Assessment will remain in place. These will include: staggered arrivals, the use of three entrances, separate class bubbles indoors and outdoors; pupils use dedicated equipment; social distancing; no gatherings/assemblies; regular hand cleansing; enhanced cleaning of all surfaces; natural ventilation of all rooms; etc.

In line with government guidelines, we will continue to ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting, '**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it.**'

All staff and parents are advised to wear masks in the outdoor areas for drop-offs and collections. Any parents/visitors entering the school building will need to wear a mask at all times.

Uniform and PE Kit

In line with government advice, we have maintained our usual uniform policies; it is widely recognised that a school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and its values.

Uniforms should be cleaned in the normal way and do not need to be cleaned more often. I would encourage all parents and carers to ensure their child has their full PE kit in school every day, plus outdoor shoes, a Pac-a-mac and jogging bottoms. This ensures that all children take part in our full curriculum, which includes many opportunities to learn outdoors.

We understand that these are difficult months for many families - please approach the school office if providing your child with uniform is proving difficult for you. We have many spare items and are happy to support you.

Curriculum, PSHE and RHE

At Wildmoor Heath, we are continuing to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum, covering all National Curriculum subjects for primary education, and based on our six curriculum drivers; Community, Communication, Creativity, Opportunities, Environment and Well-Being. Outdoor learning and enrichment trips/visits are important parts of this curriculum; these are reviewed below.

During this year we have delivered a robust and comprehensive PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum which has all the elements of the new compulsory RSE (Relationships and Health Education) curriculum woven into it. We use the 'Discovery' scheme of work to deliver our PSHE/RHE learning. During the second summer half-term, the PSHE/ RHE unit of work will be *Changing Me*, and teachers in each class will discuss age appropriate body changes with children, including puberty in upper KS2. Teachers will write to you to discuss this for each year group in the coming weeks, inviting parents, where appropriate, to review the learning materials.

School Trips and Enrichment

School trips will resume, following clear health and safety restriction; we write and approve a separate Risk Assessment for every outing. At Wildmoor Heath, we have decided, for the health and safety of our children, not to undertake any residential trips until late September 2021. I can confirm the following enrichment timetable for our year groups during the summer term:

Year Group	Event	Date
Reception Year 1 Year 2	Millers' Ark Day in School Local Walks Outdoor Picnic	Monday, 14 th June 2021
Year 3	Weekly swimming Natural History Walks	
Year 4	Ufton Court Day – adventurous activities Heath Walks	Wednesday, 14 ^h July 2021
Year 5	Wildmoor Heath Trek Caesar's Camp	
Year 6	Horseshoe Lake Oakwood Climbing Centre Go Ape	Thursday, 17 th June 2021 Friday, 18 th June 2021 Thursday, 24 th June 2021



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As we prepare for the autumn term 2021/2022, we are hopeful that we can resume our full programme of trips and enrichment, including our annual professional pantomime in the school hall, trips to Wellington College, the Year 6 Rhos-Y-Gwaliau trip, sleepovers in the school hall, etc.

Wildmoor's PTA

The PTA, under the new leadership of Mrs Pierce, are already planning activities going forward through 2021/2022 and are keen for new members to help them with organisation and fundraising. Please come forward if you feel that you can help in any way. They have an exciting programme for the children including: Challenge Myself summer events, family picnic day, discos, a Christmas Fair, sponsored walks, etc. We have some wonderful fundraising projects for our children to enjoy.

Sports Days

We are keen to hold sports days for our children to give them an opportunity to put their athletic skills into action and support their houses. Until more news is announced on further relaxation of guidelines, we are unable to confirm if parents will be allowed onto the school field. We have several options in mind and will confirm to you as soon as possible next half-term if parents are allowed to attend. Understandably, the government is ever vigilant to the potential increase of infections due to prevalent CV-19 strains.

Statutory National Assessments

No national assessments will take place for EYFS, Year 1 Phonics, Key Stage 1 SATs or Key Stage 2 SATs in 2021. The school will not submit data or teacher assessments to the government and no national data measures will be available.

Working across GLT primary schools, we have agreed to hold assessment weeks for all our pupils and to give our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils the opportunity to sit mock SATs papers. The results will be used for transition purposes for those moving up to secondary school or internally moving to Year 3. To ensure that this data is as robust as possible, teachers will co-moderate their marking/writing assessments with their counterpart professionals from Crown Wood. Children's end of year reports will discuss your child's attainment, progress and effort in each subject.

I hope this update has been useful. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact the school office for advice.

Best regards,

Leslie Semper
Headteacher