



Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the summer break and a well-earned holiday, before our return in September, we just wanted to say how proud we are of the children, parents and staff, who have demonstrated great resolve in extremely demanding circumstances.

Unfortunately due to the extension of covid restrictions and the increase of cases in the local area we are unable to invite parents in for our production of Willy Wonker Jr (which is being filmed), sports day and our year 6 leavers service. We sincerely apologise we know how much you wanted to be here, but we have to put the safety of our Great Wood family first.

From September there will be a change in personnel, as we say goodbye to our legendary music teacher, Mr. Chapman and also our wonderful chef, Lesley Jervis. Both have been fantastic members of the school team and will be sadly missed across the school community. We wish them all the best for their future and we hope they will return to celebrate a return to normal school life, as invited guests.

The Department of Education (DfE) will be issuing guidance to explain the safe return of all pupils in September 2021 and we will share that, as soon as we know more. The school team look forward to welcoming everybody back to Great Wood, with a full return to normal operating procedures. We will closely monitor the situation throughout the summer holiday and inform you of any changes that may happen if guidance and restrictions change.

School will re-open, fully on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**.

The school day for our pupils is as follows:

## Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

8.45am - 12.00noon

1.00pm - 3.20pm

## Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

8.45am - 12.20pm

1.20pm - 3.30pm

In the interests of safety we request that children should not arrive in school before 8.45am. **NO CARS are permitted on school premises – other than by prior appointment.**

All children can access their classroom from 8.45am to enjoy the Start Of Day Activities (S.O.D.A). Registration is from 9am. This allows parents 15 minutes to safely arrive with their child/ren.

At the end of the day:

Reception and Key Stage 1 parents meet their children at the classroom door, where they are supervised by a member of the school team.

Y4/5 pupils leave from their classroom door and are seen out by a member of the team, to ensure they are safe at the end of the day.

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Y3/4 and Y6 will leave through the cloakroom door by the Y3/4 classroom

Specialist teachers, such as P.E., Foreign Languages and music, will continue to be taught across the school.

We will be able to run our Wrap Around provision, using the same times as before, this is a welcome provision, which we offer to all parents, (Please be aware that you need to book in, due to numbers and capacity). Providing that covid guidance doesn't change we will, once again, be able to provide breakfast for children arriving before 8.15am.

Hopefully, we will be able to have assemblies and mass gatherings, which will help us to return to our fun-filled community events, which we have all longed to host. More information will follow in the new term.

As we prepare to return to school in September it is expected that all children wear the correct school uniform and P. E. kit. Following on from the positive feedback we have received, regarding pupils wearing their PE kit on their PE days we will continue with this.

The school team have found PE quicker to access, so pupils get the full timetabled amount of lesson time, rather than waiting to change clothes. It has also removed the need for lost property and children losing valuable items of uniform.

Pupils can wear PE Kit on the following days:

Class	PE Kit to be worn
YR/1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Y1/2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Y3/4	Tuesday and Thursday
Y4/5	Monday* and Thursday
Y6	Tuesday and Friday

\*Y4/5 will be swimming on Mondays so need to come in PE kit and bring their swimming kit.

Pupils need to continue to bring a water bottle to school, this allows them to drink while remaining in the classroom. Drinking water is available for children to refill their bottles during the day. Pencil cases, book bags and lunch boxes are permitted. Could all belongings, especially clothing, be clearly labelled.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school. As always, we thank you for your continued support in these difficult times and if you wish to contact us regarding any of the above changes for September, please do not hesitate to do so.

Take care,

All of the Great Wood Team



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