

# WOODLAND VIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have now received a lot more information from the Department for Education regarding managing the return of Year 6 in June, however, we are still waiting clarification on a few issues. This decision seems to have certainly split opinion and I do understand the concerns that are being raised. We have, through the media, read some scientific reports regarding children and the virus and we continue to seek the latest advice and information. The return of Year 6 to school will be managed in the safest way we possibly can. We are still in the early stages of planning our day-to-day response but the following is a general guide to how it will be managed. Our response will be taken mainly from government guidance:

- Classes will be split into sub classes (pods) with no more than 10 children. Each sub-class will have the same teacher(s) and staff working with them throughout the week.
- Pods will be spread out across the school in different rooms.
- Pods will have break together and lunch together. The children will not be able to mix with any other pods.
- Hygiene rules will include regular hand washing and heightened cleaning of tables, door handles etc.
- Start and finish times may vary a little from normal to allow a staggered start and finish.
- Lunches will be provided for children (cooked or packed) to avoid items being brought back and forth to school.
- Uniforms will not be required but clean clothes are expected every day.

When we are closer to June 1st and we have a firmer picture, we will be back in touch with many more details. The government have said it is parents' choice whether they send the children back to school and they won't be fined if they choose not to.

We may also have members of staff who will not be returning to work next Half Term for health reasons. As such, it would be useful for parents to indicate to us now whether or not they would consider sending their child(ren) back to school. An idea of numbers will help us plan groupings, staffing, and locations for the children to be based. We cannot at this stage guarantee your child will be in a group with their normal class teacher. As a school, we will have to balance the number of children in school (including children of Key Workers) whilst still helping those not in school continue with their home learning. For now, please can you fill in the questionnaire

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to give us a rough estimate of the numbers of Year 6 children that will be returning once we have made all the necessary adjustments and are ready to accept them.

As a side issue, we are in close contact with the high schools and we will liaise closely with them regarding possible transition arrangements before the end of term.

If you have any further questions at this time, please do email the school office and we'll get back to you.

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