

WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents & Carers,

I must begin my weekly update by sharing the news that we had a **suspected case** of Covid-19 in a student this week. We consulted our risk assessment and a decision was made in consultation with the Chair of Governors to send all the children who had been in contact, home until we knew the outcome of the Covid-19 test. Thankfully, the test was negative and we were able to phone everyone immediately to let them know.

This will be our process going forward for the next four weeks. The governors have approved the Risk Assessment and the plans for wider opening from 15 June 2020.

I am pleased to announce therefore that we are ready to receive our New Year 11s for their 'face to face' sessions from Monday. The classrooms are ready and the teachers are looking forward to seeing the students.

My Hynes sent out a detailed letter explaining expectations and some extra details about what to bring, so hopefully you all feel well prepared.

Schooling for Children of Essential Workers

Schooling for children of essential workers moved to its new location in the Sports Hall today. I think it will be a super venue for their learning as it has its own classroom and facilities and the benefit of the large indoor space for letting off steam. The group is growing in size and we may have to break it into two groups for the purposes of social distancing. We will be as sensitive as possible with the groupings so please do not worry.

Google Classroom.

The new form of remote learning has been extremely successful so far. If your child has not yet made the move to Google Classroom, they **MUST** check their email account and their G4S because there is likely to be an invitation to join with a class code to use. Mr Hayes is currently checking on those who have not registered and will be making contact soon to check whether any assistance is needed.

Just to remind you, the user name and password for Google Drive and Google Classroom is the same as the school user name and password.

Google Classroom does rely on having good computer access and a number of students in New Year 11 have now been loaned suitable equipment. Thank you to Mr Hayes and the IT team who have facilitated this.



Pastoral Matters

Tutors have really enjoyed their catch up phone calls and these will continue. Tutors are also preparing Google Tutor rooms so that tutees can make contact with them and so that they can share suitable activities to support Personal Development.

From this term, Mr Grundy will be taking over as Head of Year 8, allowing Miss Harper to continue preparations for the New Year 7 group.

Our Year 11 leavers are still very much in our minds. We are ever hopeful that we might be able to arrange an event on results day 20 August 2020 and we have another video 'event' in the pipeline.

If any parents have safeguarding concerns or just worries about their child and are not sure how best to get help, they should contact us. Mrs Anderson is our Safeguarding Lead. You can simply make a request for her to call you and that message will be passed on.

Year 6 moving up to Year 7

All of our transition materials for our New Year 7 are now ready ahead of schedule and will be on the Website later next week. It only remains for me to prepare my virtual induction evening video – this is the new normal!

Home Heroes

There has been a slight delay in responding to our Home Heroes this week. Please do not worry. You are in my sights and the awards are all ready to go. Well done all of you!

School Uniform

The school uniform page has been updated this week with a message from Orchard Clothing. You might want to have a look, although as stated last week, it is a difficult situation to decide exactly when to get some new uniform. I will leave the decision-making in your capable hands.

Sending my good wishes for your continued safekeeping at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Fraser
Headteacher

