



## Great Wood Year 6 Information for Parents and Children 15.6.20

Thank you for your patience. Here are the plans for how we will operate for Year 6: June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>

School has remained open for children of critical workers and they are still attending school. As it has become safer to have more children in school, Y6 have been invited first. However, we have limited it to a fortnight so that we have capacity to bring other year groups into school before the term ends. The two weeks will give time for transition activities and provide an opportunity for the children to bring closure to their time at Great Wood School.

Year Six's last days at Great Wood won't be anything like previous years nor like earlier in the year. The children will be in 4 groups and these groups will not mix. They will arrive and leave at different times and stay in separate 'bubbles' during the day. They may see each other at a distance at playtimes as we have enough space to be outside at the same time. Our teachers will do their best to make this time at school enjoyable.

The following are measures to ensure the safety of all in school.

- ❖ Any child who is at all unwell should stay at home.
- ❖ If a child is at all unwell at school, they will be isolated and parents will be contacted to take them home
- ❖ Cleaning hands and wrists with soap and water and drying thoroughly is a frequent routine for all in school.
- ❖ We are minimising contact, and the 2m social distancing measure is being implemented
- ❖ The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach is promoted for coughs and sneezes.
- ❖ Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned often.
- ❖ The staff assigned to a particular bubble will remain with that group of children throughout the fortnight.
- ❖ Lunch will be eaten in the classroom or outside whenever possible. Children will be outside for a good part of the day if the weather permits.
- ❖ Toileting routines are regular to prevent more than one using the toilets at once.
- ❖ The sharing of equipment is discouraged - computers are allocated and wiped down between use.
- ❖ The school kitchen is closed. No assemblies and no visitors on premises.
- ❖ Parents are not allowed within the building, including the school office – contact is via telephone and email.

### Key Information

- SCHOOL UNIFORM. Children should be wearing clean clothes each day. We are often outside and shade is limited. Please remember to apply sun cream in the morning and wear a sun hat on warm, sunny days.
- Guidance currently indicates that children do not need to wear face masks. However, we are happy for your child to wear a face covering in school if that is your wish.
- Bring a packed lunch, healthy snacks and a water bottle. As usual, **no nut products**. Please disinfect your water bottle and lunch box each day.
- Bring a pencil case with basic equipment for school – pencil, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils. School can provide these but welcomes children providing their own. The children will not allowed to share equipment.
- Names on everything, please.
- No mobile phones: they cannot be stored safely.

### Designated areas for drop off/pick up

- Family members MUST adhere to being 2m distant from other families' adults and children at all times on the way to and from school.
- In the morning, many Y6 children will be able to make their own way to school. If accompanying them, parents of Y6 should NOT enter the school playground or building.

- At the end of the day, many children will be able to make their own way home. If picking them up parents of Y6 should enter the junior playground just before the allocated dismissal time and stand well away from others. Please follow the one way system for the gates.

Year Group Bubble	Drop off/Pick up point	Classroom Base	Drop Off	Pick Up
Reception/Year 1	Reception classroom doors	Reception classes	8:45	3:20
Years 2/3	Enter through the link corridor and then to the open doors of Y3 classrooms Y2 in 3H, Y3 in 3HR	Year 3 classrooms	8:45	3:20
Years 4/5	Enter through the Year 4 side doors that access the Junior playground.	Year 4 classrooms	8:45	3:20
Year 6 Group A	Entrance to Year 5 corridor	5F	8:50	3:00
Year 6 Group B	Entrance to Year 6 corridor	6L	8:55	3:05
Year 6 Group C	Entrance to Year 5 corridor	5C	9:00	3:10
Year 6 Group D	Entrance to Year 6 corridor	6P	9:05	3:15

### Physical Distancing

We will follow all the DFE guidance and try our very best to maintain physical distance of 2m between children and staff. This is hard for children and hard to enforce but with good planning and constant reminders, the children who have attended child care have been able to adhere to the measures well. The children go to the toilet and wash their hands one at a time and they work at a 2M distance from each other. The children within each bubble share playtimes together, but are expected to play at the specified 2m distance. All of these measures have been introduced in a sensitive way. We have ensured that any social distancing reminders are given in a calm and positive manner to reduce children's levels of stress or anxiety.

Whilst minimising potential infections is top priority, our Behaviour Policy now includes the following: Children who do not follow our rules will be given two warnings. If they continue to disobey the rules on social distancing and or hygiene routines, then the leadership team may ring parents and the pupil may be sent home.

### Ending Their Years at Great Wood School

Many parents expressed that they hoped that their child could bring closure to their time at Great Wood. Although we will not be able to have parents attend, we will arrange a closing ceremony on our last day. If weather permits we will have it outside, with all attending pupils, though distant. The ceremony will include ringing the school bell, with an additional sanitising element to ensure safety. Unfortunately, there can be no party or performance in these unusual times. Remember to keep 2m apart and don't gather outside school on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps the children will create a virtual event that evening and include everyone.

### Groups.

We have divided the year into four groups. Your class teacher will individually inform you on Friday via email, your child's: group, the classroom they will go and most importantly, the start and end times.

### Important

One of the greatest risks in school's re-opening is the potential adult to adult contact at the beginning and end of the day. Please be aware that parents must stick to the guidelines as if we find that parents don't follow the guidance, this will impact our risk assessment and this could risk the re-opening plans for the rest of the school.

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