



Update 24th April 2020

I hope everyone is safe and well, doing their best to enjoy the good weather (typical!) and keeping their spirits high. It is strange being in the school at the minute. Quiet corridors, only a handful of pupils, even fewer numbers of staff, yet the school bell still rings to mark the end of lessons. For me, it signifies why schools are so important, routine. We all need a routine. Many of you will be finding this out more than ever. Schools have always provided this for children, families and staff. I would think it's fair to say that you all didn't really realise how important this routine was until it has gone. We all hope that schools can reopen as soon as possible, but nobody knows when and how this will happen. I encourage you all to continue to do your very best to maintain good working routines, whilst completely understanding the restrictions you may face whilst at home. With regards to when we can return to normal, if you hear that 'my friend's sister has heard that.....' I'm afraid they are guessing. Schools will reopen when the science says it is safe to do so. As ever, I will keep you informed as soon as I receive any further information, but until that point, we keep going as we are.

I was delighted to find out this week that for a second year in a row, we will be full in year 7 from September. That's another 220 new students joining our community. It reassuring to know that so many families continue to put their trust in us to educate and care for their children. I'm a firm believer in the fact that we can all get better at everything we do, but I'm also confident that the current provision is consistently good. Yes, we all make mistakes, which I'm sure some of you are finding out just how easy this can be when home educating, but at the heart of everything we do at Woodham, is care and support.

Year 11 work from colleges

Many of the colleges are beginning to send us work in order for students to be prepared when they begin their respective courses in September. As you will appreciate, this is a widespread set of resources. We are in the process of creating an area on the school website where these can be accessed by students.

Educational Visits

The France trip scheduled for July of this year is now CANCELLED. All parents / carers who were due to have children go on this trip, will receive a letter shortly regarding refund.

The France trip scheduled for July 2021 will go ahead as normal, with payment deadlines in place as per the initial letters. If families are having difficulties in paying for this trip due to the COVID19 situation, please contact school directly info@woodham.org.uk

We have no further information regarding the Thailand trip. Miss Kent will contact you directly regarding this.

We have no further information regarding the Rome trip. Further updates to follow.

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Lap tops

Many of you will have seen Sunday’s announcement from Gavin Williamson regarding laptops and internet access for disadvantaged families. As I write this update, no information has been given to schools as to how and when this will occur. As soon as I know any further information, I will update accordingly.

And finally...

Not many things about Ofsted make me smile, but the ‘official document’ released from the Jeffrey Home School certainly did.

School report



Jeffrey Home School

Kitchen Table, Nr. Brighton.

Number on Roll: 2

Inspection dates April 2020

Overall effectiveness	Previous inspection:	Good	2
	This inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
Leadership and management		Shocking	3
Behaviour and safety of pupils		Requires Improvement	3
Quality of teaching		Requires Improvement	3
Achievement of pupils		Requires Improvement	3
Early years provision		Not Applicable	-

Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

This is an atrocious school.

■ School leaders have ensured that the school’s overall effectiveness has tanked since the last inspection.

✍ Pupils enjoy learning. They just don’t enjoy lessons. Except making a game where they throw a ball into various cardboard boxes. That one seems to have caught on, at least.

✍ The headteacher is eminently qualified but is regularly seen wearing nothing but dressing gowns and underpants. This sets a very poor example to the pupils. Also, in the evening, both members of staff are often observed drinking alcohol in front of the pupils.

The school development plan lacks rigour. Our team did not feel ‘get everyone showered and dressed by lunchtime’ was sufficiently aspirational.

✍ Pupils are regularly late to lessons, and often leave the class without permission. Absenteeism is a daily occurrence, despite the school only having two pupils on roll. One child was found watching a Netflix boxset without adult supervision.

✍ The school consistently fails to provide lesson objectives, nor does it signal clearly enough in pupils written work that aural feedback has been given. So that’s something.

✍ The Key Stage 2 pupil was recently caught playing Fortnite and claimed it was a Geography project. He was excluded for two weeks.

✍ One pupil in Key Stage 4 does not arrive at school until around 1pm, but when inspectors questioned him he could give no clear reason why he was not at school.

Stay safe,

Andrew Bell
Headteacher