



Update 29th May 2020

I hope everyone is well and you have enjoyed your half term. School has now been open for 11 weeks and continues to welcome the children of key workers. Staff have very much enjoyed working with these students. You will have seen last night that the Prime Minister formally announced that schools can re-open from June 1st, providing the evidence that the 5 key tests have been met. You will also be aware that for Woodham, this means that Year 10 will arrive back into school for some face-to-face contact with their teachers from the 15th June. I feel it is important that you all understand the timeline of events which are ahead of us:

Thursday 28 th May	Prime Minister gives approval for the re-opening of schools in England.
Friday 29 th May	Parents updated with timeline of events via this update.
Monday 1 st June	In school plan finalised for approval.
Tuesday 2 nd June	Full Governors meeting to discuss plan. Approve if appropriate.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Communication to Year 10 parents the details of the plan.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Parent survey opened to finalise student numbers.
Monday 8 th June	Parent survey closes.
Tuesday 9 th June	School begins preparation to welcome back Year 10 students.
Monday 15 th June	School re-opens for Year 10.

*It is important to mention at this point that as and when Year 10 return to school, it is to complement their on-line learning. It will not replace it.

Years 7, 8 & 9

Work for years 7, 8 & 9 continues to be completed to a good standard, with teachers providing weekly tasks and activities. We are in the process of developing our on-line provision so that a greater variety of content will become available. Teachers remain available via email if students are finding work difficult, or require some specific help with activities.

School reports

Teachers are finalising school reports for students. They will be released during this half term period.

Holidays

As I write this update, the government have enforced a 14 day period of quarantine for all returning travellers to the UK. With this in mind, it is highly likely that some parents / carers will have booked a family holiday for weeks 5 and 6 of the summer break. This would mean children are not permitted to return to school in September. If this is the case, could you please inform school via the info@woodham.org.uk email, as teachers will need to ensure that work is available to complete at home.

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Year 11 Hoodies

The eagerly awaited hoodies have arrived in school! We will be arranging a socially distanced collection at the school gate with small groups of students coming to collect their hoodies at any one time. Please see the timetable below for your time slot to collect your hoody.

Time slot	Surnames
Monday 1 st June 9am-10am	A and B
Monday 1 st June 10am-11am	C
Monday 1 st June 11am-12pm	D and E
Monday 1 st June 12.30pm-1.30pm	F and G
Monday 1 st June 1.30pm-2.30pm	H, I, J, K and L
Monday 1 st June 2.30pm-3.15pm	M, N, O and P
Tuesday 2 nd June 9am-10am	R and S
Tuesday 2 nd June 10am-11am	T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z

In order to keep our staff and students safe, please adhere to the following guidelines when collecting your hoody:

1. Please stick to your allocated time slot to reduce the number of students arriving in school
2. Do not travel to school or arrive in a group
3. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 2 metres if required to queue for your hoodie

And finally...

The majority of students will not have set foot in the building for a period of 24 weeks by the time they return in September. When they do return, it is vital that everybody trusts each other to ensure that this enforced break does not have a disproportionate impact on children. I've shown the attached video to staff at Woodham in the past and for me, it epitomises everything that is important within an organisation and even a society. Teachers are the leaders within their own classrooms and I know our students trust them. In the challenging times ahead, I truly believe the most important thing is that as a Woodham community, we all trust each other.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocSw1m3OUBI>

Stay safe,



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