



Woodland Newsletter: Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all so looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into school next Monday 8th March and returning to our normal routine as soon as possible. Thank you as always for your dedication and support and for continuing to work in partnership.

If we can provide any further support to you during these unprecedented times, then please do just get in touch with us on 01706 620305 or at head@woodland.rochdale.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend!

The Woodland Team

Full Return to School – Monday 8th March 2021

As you know, all schools will re-open next Monday 8th March 2021. The year group zones will remain the same on the playground for drop off and pick up and you will continue to be able to drop off from 8.30am. We hope that this will continue to support you as parents/carers and this staggered start also helps us to reduce overall numbers at any one time on school grounds. Please could we also ask that just one adult per household comes onto the playground for the same reasons and that you continue to wait on the periphery of these areas to ensure that our children are also safeguarded in terms of them being handed over safely.

We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our children transition back into school safely on a physical level but also in terms of supporting their mental health and wellbeing and ensuring that learning is focused on narrowing gaps in their learning after a period of further significant change. As such, we have reviewed the weighting of the school's curriculum offer to ensure that it remains broad but that it is also focused on narrowing these gaps in knowledge for our children through specific basic skills provision in core subjects, an enhanced PSHE offer and ensuring that PE, music and learning creatively outside are also further evolved.

To ensure that we are enabled to fully understand where to prioritise and pitch teaching to support learning most effectively, we will undertake a series of baseline assessments once the children are all back in school. In line with the school's risk assessment and ensuring Public Health England and statutory guidance is being followed, this will also inform teaching groupings for core subjects. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will work in year group teams to achieve this. We will continue to use of all our resources to ensure that we are providing the best possible conditions for learning where our children are as safe as possible and are crucially happy. We are all genuinely excited about our school community being together again as a whole.

World Book Day

We are so proud of the efforts of our children and their families. Despite the challenges of being in different places, we have still managed to make World Book Day memorable for all. Our **Masked Reader** competition will continue until 12th March, with new clips being released and readers being unveiled along the way. It has been fantastic to see a number of **Extreme Reader** photos too. Please continue to post these on our Whole School Teams channel or send them via message to the Woodland Facebook Page. World book day tokens are in school and as always we will be issuing all children with a new world book day book.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

We are in touch with the local secondary schools and have been assured that as soon as the plans for transition are in place, we will be informed here at school and we will then be able to let you know. As always, staff here at Woodland will do all they can to best support all Year 6 children with the move to Year 7. In the meantime, please check the website and Facebook page of your child's allocated school for any updates. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to ensure this will be a positive experience for all involved.

Jewellery and PE Kits

PE will continue for all children from 8th March. Please can children bring their plain white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps, fully labelled to school next week. Plain black or dark blue track suits are permitted for outdoor whilst we await the summer weather. **Jewellery should not be worn on PE days and only small, plain stud earrings and a wrist watch can be worn at other times.**

Dogs on the playground

To ensure that we continue to keep our children as safe as possible, please could we ask that dogs are not brought onto the playground either before or after school. Thank you for your support.

Wow Work in School

Reception – Adriana

Year 1 – Archie

Year 2 – Amelia

Year 3 – Loxy

Year 4 – Hannah

Year 5 – Markos

Year 6 – Skye

Wow Work at home

Reception – Evie

Year 1 – Aiza

Year 2 – Ava

Year 3 – Jenson-James

Year 4 – Ruby-Mae

Year 5 – Harry

Year 6 – Isabel

Comic Relief – Friday 19th March 2021

School Closes for Easter Half Term – Thursday 1st April 2021

School Re-opens – Monday 19th April 2021

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May 2021