



Woodside Academy - update to all parents/carers

SENT VIA PARENTMAIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for sending in your responses to recent questionnaires. These are helping us to plan effectively for a safe return of small numbers of children to school in early June.

For those parents and carers who intend their child to remain at home for the time being, please be assured that we will continue to refresh the Home Learning offer and also with regular contact calls. We need to remain as connected as we can and really appreciate the time and feedback that you give us.

For those parents who would like their child to return to school, we will be opening the school to a small number of children as soon as it is possible after half term. You will be notified if and when we are able to accept your child back to school.

We hope to gradually increase the numbers over time, ensuring safety for all and based on staff capacity. Please bear with us while the staff and children learn to operate in a new way, ensuring the safety of everyone at all times. At this point, it is not yet possible to confirm the return date for children. This is because there are some safety measures still to be implemented, staff will need training on the new routines and safety measures and also because the government have yet to confirm that their 5 tests for a safe return to school have been met. I anticipate that we will be able to welcome children back in the first few weeks of June.

Woodside teachers are also contributing weekly Numeracy lessons on the online Oak National Academy. This means that whether your child is learning from home or whether they are returning to school for their learning, they will all be following similar lessons. The link to the Oak lessons is here; <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/specialist/#subjects>.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Hoyle who has worked at Woodside for 16 years. We are very grateful for her dedication to the children here and wish her a very happy early retirement.

We are also wishing Miss Tobi our good wishes as she begins her maternity leave and looks forward to her new arrival. We will be welcoming Ms Tasker who is joining Woodside as our new Senco from June 1st.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support throughout this unprecedented time and to reassure you that our priority remains that of the safety and wellbeing of our children and young people, staff and families.

Finally, I wish you a restful break and look forward to updating you when we return after the half term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Freame
Head of School