

Woodmansey CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

The final week of this half term is almost upon us – and what a demanding start to the term we have had. The staff and the children have adapted so well to the new normal we find ourselves in and that is thanks to all of you. Your continued support of myself and in my team has been astounding. You have taken all the new measures with good grace and understanding. I know that some of the new measures we have put in place are far from ideal and for those of you with more than one child at the school I appreciate (particularly in the rain!) it hasn't been the best part of your day standing on the star waiting for the bubbles to finish at the staggered times. Many of you though have said you even prefer the new system, noting the efficiency of handovers and clarity of the system.

I always said I would continue to review all the systems and make changes when I thought they were necessary. We had a visit from Lauren Newham from East Riding Safety Services who has been visiting the majority of schools in the East Riding to review the safety within the restrictions for COVID. Her visit was very positive and commended the way in which the children and parents followed the systems, keeping everyone as safe as possible. She also agreed that it was an appropriate time to make changes to the timings of the drop off and collections, making the process swift and easier to manage for those with more than one child at school.

Therefore, from Monday 2nd November 2020 (after the half term break), the drop off and collection times are as follows:

Timings for drop off after October half term are as follows:

08:30am Nursery and the Foundation Stage

8.35am Year 1 & 2

8.40am Year 3 & 4

8.45am Year 5 & 6

Timings for pick up after October half term are as follows:

15:00 Nursery and the Foundation Stage

15:05 Year 1 & 2

15:10 Year 3 & 4

15:15 Year 5 & 6

Of course, these changes will only work if you continue to arrive promptly and follow the one-way system onto the stars. The expectation has not changed, and I remind you of the following:

- Access the school through the gate closest to the school hall.
- Follow the 'yellow brick line' to the playground to wait on a star.
- At the allocated time, the class teacher will arrive and call out the class register. Children are to walk to the teacher.
- When instructed to do so by a member of staff, parents/carers may join the yellow line in a single file, leaving the site. For pick up, the same will happen but in reverse.
- If your child is wanting to come to school on a bicycle or scooter, please remind them to walk once on the school site to the cycle shelters. **Please could I also ask that only one family accesses the shelter at one time as that area could become crowded.**
- Please leave the site immediately as the site needs to be clear for the arrival of the next bubble.

In school, we are getting used to the new safety message of Hands - Face – Space. The children have accepted all the changes with good sense and good humour. They wait patiently for the toilets; they diligently use the soap and hand sanitisers. They understand that they must not mix with other bubbles and play within restricted areas. The children hit the ground running in September with a joy to be back and a work ethic determined to fill any gap and press ahead at speed. It was clear they have missed all what school offers them and although they are tired now, they have all worked so hard for the start of the new academic year.

Of course, we know that there is still every likelihood that there will be a case of the virus in school and bubbles will have to go home. Even so I sense that the community, and I can see it every morning as parents and children pass me by, know that we are mutually responsible and that together we can say we have done everything to keep ourselves, our families and our community as safe as it could possibly be. We will have to be even more diligent as we move into the depths of winter.

Once again, many thanks for your continued commitment. School leaders are faced with new challenges on a daily basis but knowing I have your support during these times, means so much. Who knew that coming back from maternity leave would bring about so much change!

Best wishes,



Mrs. B Nicholls
Head of School

