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WOODMANSEY CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Keep your distance on the 'Yellow Brick Road!' Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

As we now know, the East Riding of Yorkshire LA has recommended to its maintained schools that they do not extend the opening of schools to Nursery or Foundation Stage Pupils until Monday 8th June 2020. You will have received a letter from Deborah Myers, Head of Children and Young People, Education and Schools.

It is still possible that this could be further delayed, but all any of us can do is prepare for the dates advertised. This means that the start date for Y1 is anticipated to be 15th June 2020 and for Y6 22nd June 2020. As we can all see that the agenda is fluid I will keep parents informed of any changes as they occur. Whenever the actual date is, the most difficult part of the day will be at drop off and pick up time.

Parents are already aware that staggered times are being scheduled so that there are no more parents than needed on the playground at a time. Stars will show parents where to stand and the "Yellow Brick Line" provides a safe path in and out of the site.

The yellow line begins at the only entrance to the school site (gate closest to the school hall). You must keep to this line and stay well back from other families. Then yellow line will take you to the school playground where you will find gold and silver painted stars. Please choose a star to stand on with your child/ren. Once the children have been called inside, parents will then be asked to rejoin the yellow line to exit the playground via the car park gate. Please also note that the car park will be closed to all

parent/carers due to the staggered start and finish times. We hope the children will find following the line and finding a star exciting, but it remains however a very serious matter, that we must keep distant, we must keep all children with us and we MUST follow the "Yellow Brick Line" even if it seems a long way round. We must remember on Monday 8th June there may be only a small number of children attending but this number could grow and grow over the coming weeks. If we get the safety right with smaller numbers it will be straight forward to upscale the system as we need to.

If you have any questions about the wider opening of schools then please contact the school office from the 8th or email woodmansey.primary@eastriding.gov.uk in the meantime.



Making Your Mind Up?

Parents/Carers, of Nursery and Foundation Year have been invited on Monday to register their children for the continuity school.

Today, parents of children in the Nursery and Foundation Year will be asked to consider if they wish their child(ren) to return to school and parents of other year groups in turn. I wish to reassure all parents at this time that I fully support parents in whatever decision they make. No one will be pressured to accept a place. I appreciate that at this time every family has different circumstances to consider. I know some parents are concerned that if they decide not to send their child(ren) it will be seen as a lack of trust in me or the school. I promise you that this is absolutely not how it will be viewed. I understand the stresses you are all going through. I have said many times the hardest

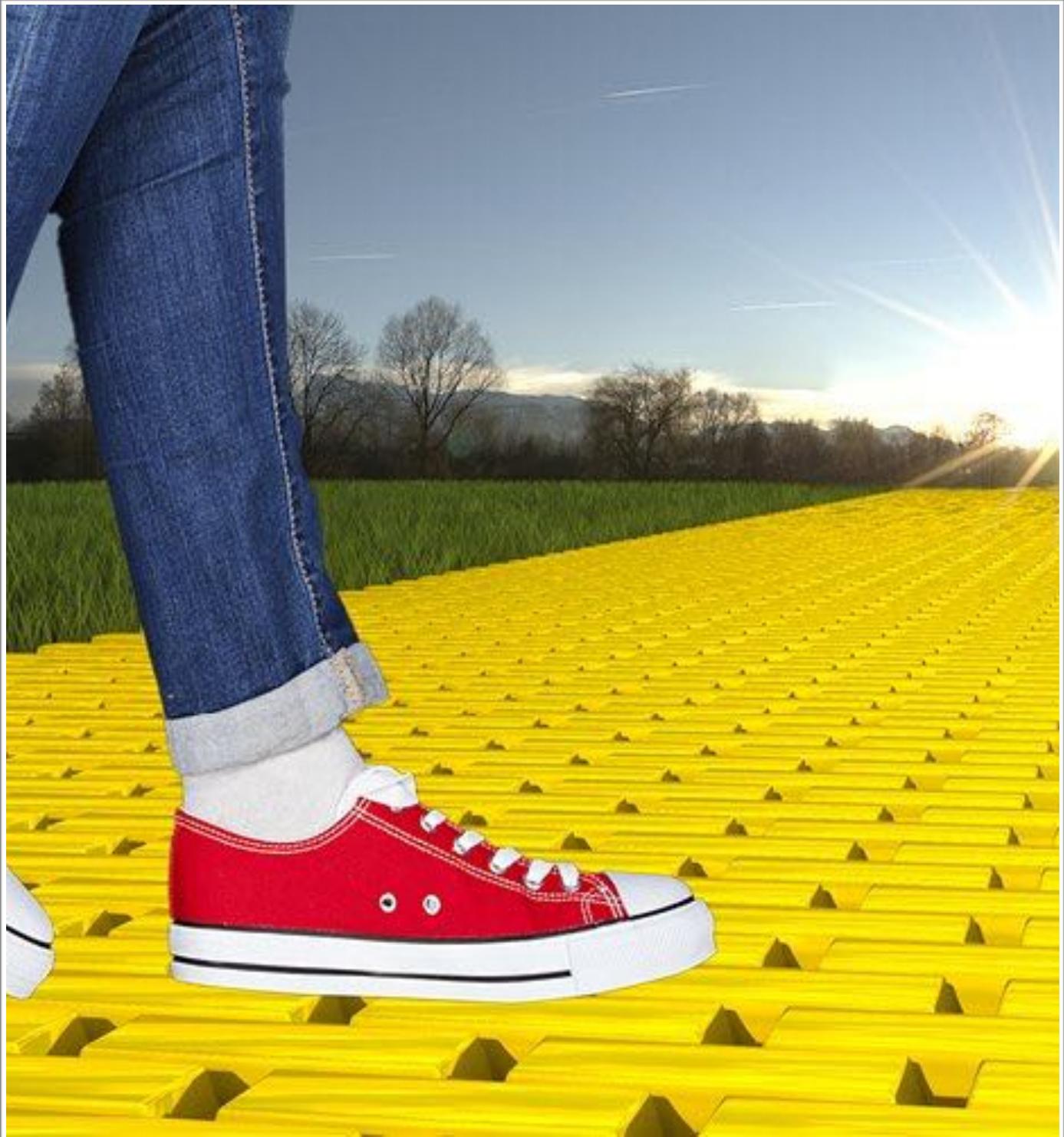
job in the world is being a parent and at this time it is considerably magnified. I understand this from both a personal and professional perspective.

To support families further in their decision-making process, it will be absolutely fine for parents to change their mind. If parents decide not to register their child(ren) to attend; maybe to see how the current pandemic develops; parents can in the future decide to register at a later date. I only ask that those registering later accept that new registrations always begin on a Monday.

Similarly, if parents wish to reverse their decision, that

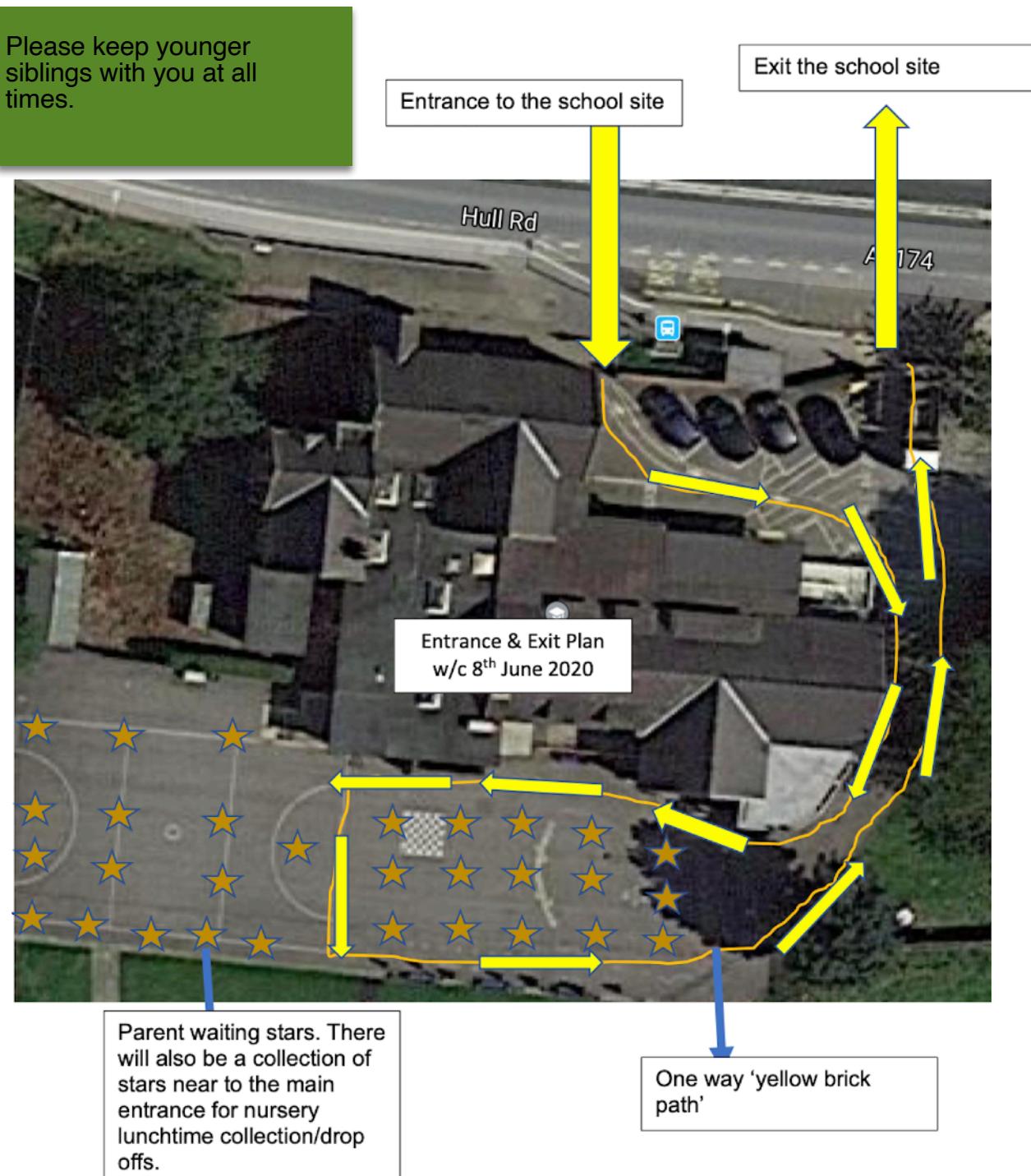
can be made at any time. In addition if a registered child is not to attend on any particular day, all I require is that parents contact the school office by 9:30am just as they would normally. There are no fines being levied by the LA for absence. There is no "unauthorised absence" and no child will lose their place at Woodmansey CE Primary School.

The following pages contain the Q&A all about returning to school after lockdown.



**PLEASE FOLLOW THE
YELLOW PATH ONE WAY
SYSTEM**
Ensuring Social Distancing

It is mandatory for all parents to adhere to the one way system now in place on the school site. Please familiarise yourself with the map below.



GRADUAL RETURN TO SCHOOL Q&A

What will be the arrangements for dropping off and collecting children?

- These are probably the most vulnerable times of the day. There will be staggered start and finish times for different groups of children. This is to ensure that parents/carers can maintain social distancing. This must not be seen as a time for socialising and parents/carers are asked to be prompt, not too early.
- If a parent is late for pick up, children will be taken back to their Home Bubble and the parent/carer will have to queue at the school entrance, keeping apart, and wait for their child to be delivered to them there. You will then rejoin the yellow line to the site exit. The car park will be closed and must no longer be used for parking.
- If a parent is late for drop off, similarly the parent must follow the same procedure at the school reception.
- The Crossing Patrol should be reopening, so it is vital that those picking up by car return to the observance of the yellow lines – parking restrictions and keep distant from the Crossing Patrol wardens.
- There will be clear directions, a one-way system and even a yellow “brick road” line, to guide the movement of parents around the site, which will be mandatory. Please refer to the map. Repeated failure to follow the system could lead to a place being withdrawn. There are lines and stars painted at key movement points to ensure that parents can keep safely distant from each other.
- Parents will stand on stars painted on the playground keeping parents socially distant and there will be a formal visual hand over, during which parents will stand still and wait for all children to be matched to their parent/carer at pick up times or to their teacher at drop off times. This will take longer than normal. A member of staff will then indicate that parents and children can join the one-way system to leave the site. Please keep yourselves away from other families using the yellow one way system.
- One thing which will be very different will be at the drop off time. Parents will not be able to engage in conversation with staff. If a parent has an urgent message it should be sent to the teacher before 8am as teachers will check their emails at 8am. To be doubly certain, the email could be copied to the woodmansey.primary@eastriding.gov.uk address. **If however the message is important regarding the safety of a child, a phone call to the school office is essential. Remember a particular member of staff may not actually be working on site on the day in question.**
- Only one parent/carer can enter the site per child. Secondary aged pupils cannot enter with a parent, though if old enough, may be the sole carer at pick up. Parents with toddlers must keep their toddlers by their side at all times. I cannot stress this enough.
- Provision can be made for child minders with larger groups of children.
- It is not possible for children to go home for lunch and return for the afternoon.





**PLEASE STAND ON A STAR
TO COLLECT OR DROP
OFF YOUR LITTLE STAR!**

Ensuring Social Distancing

How will the children be organised during the day?

- Initially, the children will be organised into groups stipulated by their year group* as we do not have more than 15 children in any one year group. The nursery home bubble will operate from the Foundation year classroom and the Foundation home bubble will be housed in the hall. * I fully expect that there will be far less than 15 in each Home Bubble, certainly at the start. If this is *significantly less*, I may change plans to operate fewer Home Bubbles.
- The school will be open for the Foundation Year between 9.15am to 3:00pm with a 45 min to 1 hour lunchbreak
- The school will be open for the Nursery between 9am to 3.15pm with a 45 min lunchbreak for those who pre-registered for a morning and afternoon session.
- The school will be open (from 8th June) for the children of Key Workers and other identified groups from 8:15am to **3:45pm** with a 45 minute to 1hour lunch break.
- Once a year group returns to school those children classed and registered as Key Worker children revert to being back with their year group, i.e. Year 1 children who are also Key Worker children will be classed as Year 1 Children and operate within the Year 1 school times.
- School places for FY (and Y1/Y6 when they as cohorts rejoin us) will be full time, as this is what parents need of the school. It is possible there could be a need to close for an afternoon, but I do not anticipate this and would do everything I can to give parents at least a week's notice. We request that Key Worker parents and those of children in other identified groups take places according to individual need rather than immediately opting for full time provision. Otherwise we may not have the physical space to keep the growing numbers in Bubbles with a maximum of fifteen.
- Each Home Bubble will be not work or mix with another Home Bubble.
- The children of each Home Bubble will enter their classroom via the playground doors with a member of staff. Cloakrooms and corridors are being avoided wherever possible.
- The use of toilets has been an area of great consideration. For the Nursery and Foundation this is more manageable as toilet visits will be well scheduled and supervised. No child will be denied the opportunity to go to the toilet if required, the setting up of managed times is to avoid the chance of children from one Home Bubble, meeting another. The Foundation Year will be using different toilets to which they have been used to but this will be well managed by staff.
- The current Y1-6 boy's and girl's toilets are being renamed and will be mixed sex toilets as many primary schools have. Foundation Stage and Year 1 will use the toilets closest to their home bubble which was previously known as the boy's toilets and the Keyworker and Year 6 home bubbles will use the previously named girl's toilets. Strict handwashing procedures will be monitored at toilet times and on arrival at school and before each session. Hand washing facilities are available in every classroom except one of the Y1 classrooms. Hand gel is accessible in every room.

What will it be like in the classroom?

- Social Distancing is being promoted by having reduced children in each Home Bubble and by the fact that the children have extremely limited access to the corridors. Older children (Y1 and above) will have their own desk and will be provided with their own pencil case and pencil, crayons, rubber ruler etc. Canister pencil sharpeners will prevent children having to wander about to the bins. The Foundation Year children will have will be learning outside as much as possible and will be housed in the hall when indoors. Staff, including those supporting learning "one to one", will keep a distance, but it is not possible, to keep children and their dedicated staff 2m apart all the time. **Social distancing in the context of the new normal in school is between the different Home Bubbles**, it is not guaranteed and probably not desirable socially and mentally for the children between the members of each Home Bubble. That said, we will be doing everything possible to keep a sensible distance between members within each Bubble. No contact sports, no Design and Technology or Science unless it can be carefully organised to avoid pupils moving about and sharing equipment unnecessarily. Each classroom is well stocked with cleaning equipment, disinfectant sprays for equipment, hand gels and wipes for surfaces like iPads and handles.
- Surplus furniture will be stacked or removed from classrooms.



**ONLY ONE PERSON AT A
TIME IN THE CORRIDOR
PLEASE, DO NOT PASS.**

What will happen if someone has symptoms of Covid 19?

- Any pupil or member of staff displaying symptoms of Covid 19 will lead to the immediate closure of the Home Bubble for 14 days or less if a test is taken and a negative result is confirmed. Tests are now available for anyone 5 years or older. (though of course some of our pupils are still three or four years old!) We anticipate that a test can now be arranged quickly with a speedy test result. Parents do need to have a contingency plan if we need to close down a Home Bubble at short notice.

What will playtime be like?

- Each Home Bubble will have dedicated playtimes and their own space to play in at any one time. This will include zoned areas of the field. Contact games will not be allowed e.g. tig and football but equipment will be available to be played with by a family, but disinfected after use. There will be more outdoor “fresh air” moments than normal. The school day will feel very different, but the children in the recalled year groups will know the staff they are working with. We shall be just as friendly and supportive as normal.
- The Trim trail will not be used.
- We are not expecting the resumption of free fruit. If children would like to bring a piece of fruit to eat at a break time this is entirely appropriate. It should be kept in the book bag not with a packed lunch and should be ‘ready to eat’ so a member of staff does not have to cut or peel the fruit before being consumed.
- School water bottles should still be brought to school, but please ensure names are clear on the lid. We can do this for you if necessary.

How will lunchtime and refreshments be managed?

Parents are asked to supply a packed lunch for their child(ren) in school. Families in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive the food vouchers to help support with this.

- Each Home Bubble will have their own lunchtime supervisor who will disinfect the tables at the start and end of the lunchbreak. The same supervisor will take the children from their Home Bubble outside to play as described above.
- Staff refreshments are being delivered via a tea trolley regularly during the day. Staff will not be able to socialise in the staff room, just two members of staff at a time will be allowed in at a time, purely to organise the staff refreshments and collect stored lunches from the fridge, which will be disinfected after handling.

How is the school to be cleaned?

- The school will be thoroughly cleaned every day. During the morning and again during the afternoon, surfaces like railings, switches, door handles will be sanitised by Mrs Nicholls and/or Mrs Scott. At considerable expense, the hall and foundation year doors are due to have automatic door stoppers attached. It will therefore be possible to walk around the school without having to open a door. (toilets excepted). Should the fire alarm be activated the doors close automatically. Classroom doors and windows will also be open to ensure good ventilation.

PPE

- If parents so wish, pupils may wear a mask and staff may choose to wear a mask though this is not being insisted upon. The children will need to be able to manage the wearing of a mask for during the day. The exception is regarding staff delivering refreshments where they will wear a vizor, donated to us by the University of Hull, for which we are extremely grateful. The school has a stock of masks for staff use and pupils in case of emergency.

What if my child is ill?

First Aid cover is maintained and we are able to support children who are feeling poorly or have had an accident in the normal way. Should a child be ‘sick’ or have an “incident” PPE will be worn, not that sickness or diarrhoea are symptoms of Covid 19, but as a precaution, as the virus could display no symptoms and yet bodily fluids could cause a spread of the contamination.

If a child is sick on furniture or floor, our usual granuals will be used followed by cleaning and disinfection.

What is the expectation of the children in relation to their behaviour?

Children will be expected to be exemplary in their behaviour as they are normally. There are no need for new rules, because our three key rules cover all of the needs of our school community. Children who therefore break a rule will be covered by our usual systems. However, I will contact parents if a pupil is found to be deliberately and wantonly putting the health of the Home Bubble at risk. If this is not resolved, the child will not be allowed into school until guarantees can be secured of future good behaviour. *I cannot imagine any of our pupils doing something as reckless as this.*

Who will teach my child?

The children are familiar with all staff in the school and where possible the class teacher will be used for **recalled** year groups.

How will work for those at home be provided?

- The programme which parents and children are familiar with will continue for all year groups not invited back into school. However, once a year group is reintroduced, the capacity of the teachers to provide the learning at home as currently set up will be significantly reduced. That is not to say that those still at home will be cut off from learning, but support will not be at the current level.
- Once we reach the 8th June, most teachers will be working on site, but Mrs Fisher will be providing the planning for the children of Key Workers and for support with the home learning for Year 2,3,4 and 5.

How will the curriculum look?

- There will still be variety in the curriculum but some aspects will be curtailed. Maths followed by English will be the priorities. There will be opportunities for humanities subjects and computing, but Design and Technology and Art and Science will be difficult if they involve children sharing resources. PE will be more fitness focused and sports will be non-contact. We do intend to get outside as often as possible, so children should have their PE kit available as normal. These will be kept in the classroom.
- Music will not involve the use of instruments.
- Book Bags remain essential as always. Books handed in or borrowed by a child will be removed from circulation for 72 hours but we aim to continue to use the online library with 'Oxford Owls' where possible.
- There will be no Food Technology lessons.
- As indicated there will be more "fresh air" breaks than normal and there will be some "downtime" as well to ease children back into school life.

Will I get an annual report this year?

- Yes, reports will be produced using our own FLiC system. They will cover the full curriculum, unlike the English and Maths summary received instead of the Consultation Evening in March. There will not however be the personal written comments about your child, nor can we make reference to national or standard assessments as these have not occurred this year. You will however be encouraged to enhance the report from your experience of Home Learning and I shall write to you showing how you may like to do this in partnership with your child.

Mobile Phones

- We will allow Y6 pupils with mobile phones to exceptionally be allowed to keep their phone switched off in their book bag. It must remain switched off on site.

School Uniform

- School Uniform remains mandatory.

Will there be assemblies and a daily act of worship?

- No, but for as long as the school is not fully open I intended to maintain my weekly Friday Assembly. Home bubble worship can happen in their own classroom.

How do I access the school office?

- The school office will be manned by Mrs Scott. As before, Mrs Scott will be able to take phone calls and answer enquiries by email. We ask that as now, parents do not attend the office in person, unless a personal conversation is essential. We can only allow one person into the foyer at any one time and the glass partition will remain closed. If you are waiting to speak to Mrs Scott please stand well away from the main entrance door until a position in the foyer is available.
- If parents need a non-urgent meeting, with any named member of staff this can be facilitated and should be requested by email. It is also possible to make an appointment to arrange for the purchase of things like uniform.



FUN IN THE SUN

Keep safe this summer

Just a reminder that, even in these strange times it is still recommended that pupils have a wide brimmed or foreign legion style hat which protects the neck. Pupils are also recommended to have sun cream at school but the following protocol must be observed.

We remember the very hot summer of last year.

The sun cream must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The sun cream must be kept in the **CHILD'S BOOK BAG**, which will remain at a child's station in school.

Normally, each child must be trained at home how to best apply his or her

own sun cream, as teachers and supervisors cannot apply sun cream, particularly in the current crisis. However on sunny lunchtimes we will endeavour (but cannot guarantee) to supervise the pupils in Nursery, FY and Y1 in the application of their **own** cream either immediately before or after their lunch. Parents may consider applying a cream on their children which will last a full day, which clearly makes things easier at school, although I know there is some debate as to whether this is safe enough. I leave it to you to decide what you prefer.

HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

Returning your hands

I sincerely hope that everyone in the Foundation Year to Year 6 received their pack with template and foam to make their hand of friendship to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and of peace and friendship across borders. I repeat the instructions on the next page as a reminder.

I understand that hands are already in the post from Germany and Poland, so it would be nice to get some heading in the opposite direction. Families can drop them off between 9am and 3pm on school days from the 8th June. A box will be at the school entrance. Please make sure your name is on the back. We shall put them in quarantine for 72 hours. We will also display them in the Friday Assembly before despatch. Alternatively children can bring them when they return to school. Similarly we shall place all hands in quarantine for 72 hours.

FY-Y6 HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP

75 Years of Peace Homework Project



Marking 75 Years since the end of WW2

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

WOODMANSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year we are to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe on 8th May 2020. Originally planned for Easter we now invite families to decorate a hand of friendship for peace to the world.

An art installation is to be created recognising the scars of the Second World War but reinforcing the hand of friendship across Europe and the Wider World and the continuing need for tolerance, respect and understanding to preserve the peace. A project which has been designed by Molescroft Primary, aims to bring together the children in both Molescroft and Woodmansey but also in our link schools in Germany and Poland. I joined Mr Lancaster and other staff to visit Südschule in Lemgo this February and actually completed the project there.

Every child will create a hand celebrating an aspect of shared European Value on foam. Some of these hands will be kept in the school, but a percentage will be sent to the two international partners and Molescroft. Each school will use the

home and gifted hands to create its own installation. These may climb up a wall or be suspended from a ceiling. The installations will be professionally photographed and shared via websites and other web media.

Through the preparation of the creation of the hands there will be an opportunity for families to explore the history of the Second World War and how it came about; to focus on the devastation which ripped Europe apart and destroyed millions of lives and futures; to understand the lasting impact of the war and how it is important that we appreciate the need to ensure that this never happens again. To do this we need to understand our past and appreciate our present and our common humanity across the world. We wish to use the project to realise that art is a vehicle for bringing people together. By using each other's resources we hope to create installations of beauty and inspiration and to embrace our wider community in the project. A piece of foam and a hand paper template is being despatched to every child. Please cut out the hand and

draw round it on the foam before cutting out the foam hand. Young children will need help.

The decoration is then entirely up to the individual, but the suggested themes are peace, openness, tolerance, friendship, respect, or maybe the design could be in the style of a British / European Artist. The decoration could also reflect shared European Culture e.g. representing music, dance, food, sport, history, scenery. It could represent pan European projects. IT IS UP TO YOU. Please see the virtual worship from the 8th May for further ideas.

The hand is to be brought to school on the first day that we properly return.

As always I do hope that you will feel able to support your children in this project. Engaging as a family in homework has a profound impact on how all our children relate to education.

HOW ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?

We are training the next generation of teachers in partnership with the University of Hull.

Have you ever considered becoming a teacher?

There is a growing shortage of teachers and there are many places available for the next generation of teacher trainees.

You may be aware that the Teaching School “**Riding Forward**” based at Molescroft Primary School, leads a Teacher Training Programme called “**School Direct**”. Many of the trainees have gone on to work in schools across Hull and the East Riding.

The programme allows the alliance of schools across county, the opportunity to further enhance teacher training provision. Riding Forward has developed exciting and effective programmes with a highly regarded local Higher Education Institution, the University of Hull.

Their programmes last for one academic year (September-July), during which time trainees will be based in a host school with excellent experience in ITT alongside attending PGCE lectures at University of Hull. School Direct places are available in well regarded Primary schools within the East Riding. Trainees will also enjoy a contrasting school placement in one of the schools working with the alliance. School Direct programmes have been designed to give the next generation of teachers the necessary skills to become an effective classroom practitioner.

On completion of training, trainees will be awarded a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education) with QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) which includes 60 credits towards Masters Level. Graduates of the Riding Forward School Direct programmes will be confident, knowledgeable, creative and reflective teachers, ready to embark on a rewarding and fulfilling career.

Contact Jenny Lines for more information 01482 679139 jlines@molescroftprimary.net



Attendance and Holidays

Spring Term 2019	School opens	Tuesday 8th January 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 15th February 2019
	School opens	Monday 25th February 2019
	School closes for Easter	Friday 5th April 2019
Summer Term 2019	School opens	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
	School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 24th May 2019
	School opens	Monday 3rd June 2019
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 19th July 2019
Autumn Term 2019	School opens	Wednesday 4th September 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 25th October 2019
	School opens	Monday 4th November 2019
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 20th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	School opens	Tuesday 7th January 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 14th February 2020
	School opens	Monday 24th February 2020
	School closes for Easter	Friday 3rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	School opens	Tuesday 21st April 2020
	School closed for Bank Holiday	FRIDAY 8th May 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 22nd May 2020
	School opens	Monday 1st June 2020
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 17th July 2020
Autumn Term 2020	School opens	Wednesday 9th September 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 23rd October 2020
	School opens	Monday 2nd November 2020
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	School opens	Tuesday 5th January 2021
	School closes for half-term	Friday 12th February 2021
	School opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
	School closes for Easter	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term 2021	School opens	Tuesday 13th April 2021
	School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
	School closes for half-term	Friday 28th May 2021
	School opens	Monday 7th June 2021
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 23rd July 2021

Attendance for the year to July 2019 was 95.4%

ABSENCE DURING THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

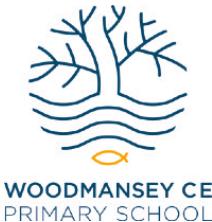
Parents will be given notice when normal absence procedures will return.

Unauthorised absence is currently suspended, consequently there are no fines being levied by the Local Authority.

For those children who are expected in school, it remains essential for safeguarding reasons that parents continue to telephone the school to report any absence.

Your child will be expected if you register for your child to return to school or have booked places as a Key Worker or other qualifying groups.

DIARY



PLEASE PIN THIS PAGE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD NOTICEBOARD

Please be aware that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

June ALL SUBJECT TO SCHOOLS BEING FULLY REOPENED

Mon 8th	School Reopens for Keyworker groups, and expected opening for Nursery and Foundation Year
Thurs 11th	Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30pm now via Microsoft Teams
Mon 15th	Expected return for Year 1
Sun 21st	Fathers Day
Mon 22nd	Expected return for Year 6
Mo 22nd	Reports Published this week year group at a time

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls
Head of School

