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Dear Parents,

### **COVID-19 Update: Home Learning / Prime Minister's Announcement**

We hope that you and your families are safe and well. We are missing you all very much and wanted to keep you updated on our current position.

#### **Home Learning**

As you will be aware, we have been directing you to many activities via our school website, when setting online home learning for your child during lockdown. Teachers had been setting year group tasks however, we would like to reassure you that if you are finding it a little overwhelming and are anxious about your children completing these tasks, please just encourage them to do what they can.

We have decided upon a new way of communicating with you regarding your child's home learning through Class Dojo. We hope this will enable parents to communicate more easily with staff and allow updates and changes to be communicated more quickly. If you have not yet connected to this, please contact your child's class teacher for further information.

Class teachers enjoy receiving replies to their messages and comments through Class Dojo and like to celebrate the home learning tasks being completed at home. Please contact your child's class teacher via the email addresses listed below if you have any questions or concerns:

**School Office:** [enquiries@wodenprimary.org](mailto:enquiries@wodenprimary.org)

**Nursery children:** [nursery@wodenprimary.org](mailto:nursery@wodenprimary.org)

**Reception children:** [rec@wodenprimary.org](mailto:rec@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 1 children:** [y1@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y1@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 2 children:** [y2@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y2@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 3 children:** [y3@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y3@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 4 children:** [y4@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y4@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 5 children:** [y5@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y5@wodenprimary.org)

**Year 6 children:** [y6@wodenprimary.org](mailto:y6@wodenprimary.org)

If you have any difficulty accessing the internet please get in touch via the main school office, and we will endeavour to do our best to help. Please also remember that we know that learning at home is different from being at school and there is no expectation for you to replicate it. We know that juggling working from home or

managing looking after your family is a huge challenge at the moment and really appreciate all of the things that you are doing to support your child/ren.

### Schools Re-Opening

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday night, we would like to make it clear that Woden Primary School will only be open to children of key workers and vulnerable children until further notice.

However, you will be aware that the Prime Minister announced that primary schools in England might start to reopen from 1st June at the earliest with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils being prioritised initially in a phased return.

I want to reassure you that any decision to re-open Woden would be taken with the upmost consideration of the safety for our children, staff and families. Staff have continued to meet regularly throughout the school closure, to discuss ways to keep our children, staff and families safe when schools are required to re-open. It is important to say all schools across the country will be operating in a very different way. For the safety of everyone, schools will need to operate on a very different model. Until we have further information from The Government, we cannot give you any more details. However, we can share with you just a few of our initial thought processes:

- We would need to ensure social distancing where possible. This could include children being **in school at different times, or days** on a rota basis to enable less children and adults being in classrooms, corridors, playground, dining room, etc.
- We would need to ensure that children and staff have increased facilities and opportunities for regular handwashing.
- Our daily systems would need adaptation, e.g. varying break times, parents remaining outside of the school building **or only accessing certain parts of the site, etc.**
- Regular deep cleans would need to take place in rooms/spaces occupied by children and staff.

Once again, until we have firm information and guidance from The Government, we can only set provisional ideas, and as you can imagine, a great deal of planning will need to take place before we can re-open. We do hope this reassures you that we are already considering the full implications of re-opening with the safety of our children, staff and families at the heart of all decisions.

We do understand that whilst some children and families are really missing school, the routine, their friends and their teachers, it is understandable that there will be some uncertainty and anxiety. I want to reassure you that when we do start to re-open, it will be a phased approach so that we can keep the whole of our school community safe, and as soon as I have more information I will update you.

These are unprecedented times, and we will get through this together in the spirit of support, respect and care for our children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. H. Vernon