



Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School

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Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back to a new school year at Hethersett Woodside. We warmly welcome all new and existing parents and children to our school & nursery. We hope you will be very happy, and enjoy your time with us!

A big thank you to Morgan Sindall as the new school was completed on time! The building is amazing and the children are enjoying the new and up to date facilities. <http://www.hethersettprimaryproject.co.uk>

Staff have worked hard over the holidays ensuring the school and the environment was ready for the children's return. I am sure you will join with me to thank them for their commitment to our school and your children. Our staff continue to be committed in developing an environment and ethos for our imaginative enquiry based learning approach as well as a nurturing and fully inclusive community.

Open Evening for Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2021? Or wish to transfer from another setting?

Is your child in Year two and you need to make an informed choice about where your child will be in Year three?

We will be sharing our vision for Hethersett Woodside on **Wednesday 14th October 2020**. This meeting will be delivered virtually by Google Meets. We will send out a form for you to join the meeting. This is an informative session for Year two and Nursery parents to support their choice of school for September 2021. We look forward to meeting with you.

Virtual Reception Reading

During the week of 28th September you are invited to join a virtual meeting to inform you of how reading is taught at Woodside. We are looking to record the meeting so that it can be viewed at a later time through Tapestry. More information to follow.

Medication in school

We can only take medication in school if it is on prescription and in the original box.

Please speak to support staff in school and they will give you the forms to fill in.

Staff news

Due to personal reasons, Janet Orford has decided to resign from her position at Woodside from September 2020. Mrs Orford has been a valued member of the team at Woodside for 20 years and has supported many children, parents and staff during that time.

It will be a great loss to the school and we wish her well!

Kitchen Staff

Hilary Holman has been at Woodside for many years, starting as a midday supervisor and working in the latter years for Norse in the kitchen. Hilary retired during the summer. She will be sadly missed, knowing the children well, she was always able to remember who liked what and which children didn't like gravy!

We wish her well as she begins retired life and takes some well-deserved rest!

We have many new staff working for Norse in our kitchen and we look forward to the time when we are able to operate fully. We hope you are enjoying the new menu?

Permission to collect children in Year One to Year Four

Thank you to all parents who have filled in the form to say who is allowed to collect your children from school.

If you have not completed this yet please do so by following the link [here](#)

Considerate Parking

Please park with consideration for our neighbours. We have already had conversations with neighbours regarding the way parents are parking. Please do not park over driveways. Thank you!

Nut Free

We are a nut free school! We have children in school with a severe nut allergy. Please refrain from putting anything nut based in children's lunchboxes that includes items such as Nutella.

Message from the Office

School Dinner Money, If possible please pay directly into the bank, details below, if this is not possible, money in a named purse or envelope please.

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School carpark

Please do not park in the school carpark unless you have permission from the office to do so due to disability.

We have also had parents reversing into the school carpark at the end of the day. This is extremely dangerous for our children. There is a turning point at the end of Coachmaker Way. Please use it!

Please use the pedestrian gate when dropping off and collecting children. The car park gates must be kept clear for emergencies.

Please do not allow your children to ride scooters, bikes and run around the front entrance to the school, this is dangerous for people exiting the building.

Hand Sanitiser / Hand Cream

Please do not send your child into school with hand sanitiser or hand cream, due to allergies in school.

Only prescribed sanitiser and cream are allowed.

Covid Risk assessment

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this transition period. Drop off and collection times are becoming quite slick and the children have adapted brilliantly to the measures in place. I know it is difficult to socially distance along the path to and from school but if you could be mindful of others walking either way then it supports the whole community to keep safe.

We also appreciate you limiting the amount of items which come in from home. Sticking to essential items only, like lunch boxes, water bottles, waterproofs and sun hats, has really helped in our efforts to keep things tidier and cleaner, in school. We had asked for no rucksacks or bookbags previously but we appreciate that this has been a tricky restriction. We are also looking at reinstating home reading once class assessments have been carried out. Therefore, we will now be allowing bags and book bags to come into school. However, please continue to help out by using the bags for essential items only.

Year three and Year four children have been running each day and some have been bringing in trainers to run in. If you are able to, the trainers could stay in school in a carrier bag on their coat pegs.

Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

Tuesday 29th September 7pm – Virtual Reception reading meeting – Google link to be sent nearer the time.

Tuesday 6th October – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 14th October – Virtual meeting - 7pm Vision for Primary and Key stage 2; This is information for Year 2 parents to help support choice of school for Year 3 as well as Nursery parents ready for Reception

Wednesday 21st October – School finishes for half term break at the end of the school day.

Monday 2nd November – School reopens

Wednesday 4th November Virtual Parents' Evening 5 - 7.30pm

Thursday 5th November – Virtual Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6pm