

# Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you all well and that you have all enjoyed a safe, restful summer holiday. With Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery welcoming children back on **Monday 06th September**, I would like to mention several things in preparation.

## School Day

Although risk management measures still remain (see below), we look forward to returning to some sort of normality in September. This means that the school day is going to look a little different from what we have been used to. We wrote to you before the break with details of how the school will operate. You can find this on our website in [Letters](#) for a reminder of timings, amongst other things.

## EYFS

Reception and Nursery classes will be operating their transition timetables according to the timetables in your pack. Please refer to this for attendance dates and times.

We are welcoming parents into the Nursery and Reception settings in order to settle children and build a relationship with the class teachers. Class teachers will advise on the gates to be used when you visit in small groups and how transition will work as the class sizes grow.

## Collection from School: Reception to Year 5

I also wrote to you at the beginning of the summer with details of how to let us know who will be picking your children up from school each day. Thank you to all who have completed the forms attached to this letter.

If you have not completed this yet, please could we ask that you follow the instructions contained [here](#) no later than **Thursday 02nd September**. Thank you.



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## Travel to School

With regards to travel to school, please remember that both the front and back gates will now be in operation for all our families. If you are using the back gate and using a car for the school run, you are welcome to use the village hall's car park.

If using the front entrance, please note that our school car park is for staff and visitors only and a very small number of families who have pre-agreed its use for special reasons.

If your children are using bikes and scooters, please note that we have yet to install shelters at the back of the school. The only shelters in use are at the front of the school. However, children are allowed to park their bikes and scooters at the very top of the lane which leads to the back gate.

In all instances, whether using the front or back of the school, please could we kindly ask that you nor your children ride bikes and scooters on any part of the school premises, including the back pathway.

## COVID

Generally speaking, we will be less restricted when we return to school on Monday. However, we all remain committed to keeping the community safe and more information on this can be found on our website, [here](#).

Practically speaking, we would request that children are more prepared for slightly colder conditions from next week. A key control measure when thinking about risk is ventilation and all classrooms and shared spaces will need to operate with windows open to improve this. Jumpers and cardigans and other warmer clothing, as per our [uniform policy](#) are recommended.



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## Uniform

Thinking about uniform, please could you ensure that all items are named on return to school. It helps us enormously to pair up lost property with children.

## Site

It was a frustrating year last year, with our school field out of use because of long standing issues from the build last summer. I am, however, pleased to announce that the field will be in use from September, weather permitting.

Please take a look at the *Footwear* section of our [Uniform](#) page so that all children are able to enjoy it safely.

## Staffing

We informed you of several changes to staffing at the end of last year, with several new additions to announce.

Of course, I will be taking on the role of Headteacher from next week, as Mrs Jermy retires. I am very much looking forward to working with you all to keep developing this wonderful school.

My usual nsix email account is still in operation and I will also use the [head@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk) from now on, if you wish to make contact.

We also welcome a new Deputy Headteacher, Sam Carter. Mr Carter will be teaching in Beech for one day a week, with Mrs Egler working the rest. He will also be our new SENDCo. As well as SEND, Mr Carter will lead on several other areas, including: assessment, personal development and inclusion. For any queries relating to these departments, he can be reached at: [scarter7erw@nsix.org.uk](mailto:scarter7erw@nsix.org.uk)

We have also made several new appointments over summer. We are not able to announce names yet, as we finalise contracts but we will welcome two new



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teaching assistants; one support worker in Breakfast and After School Club and two new cleaners.

On cleaning staff, we still have a position available. Please get in touch with Helen Woodrow via the office if you are interested.

## Communication

We have been working hard to improve communication between home and school, with several developments in process.

I am keen to try to communicate news to you all more rapidly which is why the periodic newsletter will be replaced. Instead, we intend to use the [Latest News](#) section of our website regularly to get news out to you in a more piecemeal and regular fashion.

I will also continue to write to you regularly, with other updates.

We also ran a successful trial of an online communication platform called *Class Dojo* at the end of last year. We will be looking to roll this out across most of the rest of the school in the coming months.

Also, as part of fostering a positive working relationship with families, I would like to set up a half-termly forum for parents and guardians. This would be a regular part of the school diary, where we could discuss school priorities, giving you a chance to have your say on improvement and matters arising.

We are currently putting the school calendar together but once we have finalised a date, look out for details. The first one is likely to be online but eventually we would be keen to invite you in for a tea or coffee during an evening.



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We will be in contact soon but, as ever, always feel welcome to get in touch if you have any queries in the meantime.

Kind regards

Jem Brereton

Headteacher

