

Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We continue to try and keep you updated via the [News & Events](#) page of our website. This is worth checking regularly. You might also find our [Term Dates](#) page helpful. As we build the year ahead, we will continue to add key dates.

Meet the Teachers

We are all really looking forward to welcoming parents of children in Year One - Year Five into school from next week. This is an informal chance to meet the adults in your child's class and find out about some of the learning which has been taking place.

These will be held in the school hall from 09:00. (Year One will run theirs from 14:15.)

To keep everyone safe and as per government guidelines, we will kindly ask you to wear a face covering whilst in school, unless health reasons make this not possible. We will also require you to sign in at the school office. This may take a little while, so you might want to turn up a little in advance to help get everyone through in good time. On arrival, we will also kindly ask you to sanitise your hands.

Please find further details at the end of this letter.

Community Forum

A reminder that you are all very welcome to attend Hethersett Woodside's first half-termly community forum. Further details are available [here](#).

Online Platforms

As mentioned previously, we are keen to develop home-school communication.

Tapestry is already well established throughout Nursery and Reception. If you are struggling to access it, please feel encouraged to see a member of staff from EYFS.

For children in Year One - Year Five, we made effective use of *Google Classroom* last year. These are now set up for new classes and, once up and running, will be used to deliver home-learning opportunities.



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We have also set up classes for a parent communication platform called *Class Dojo*. We will contact you soon with information on how to set this up.

Please could I ask that you take a moment to check that you have completed the consent form we recently sent out. There is a section (see below) that is essential to be filled out before we can enroll your children on the above platforms.

For use on online learning journals, such as <i>Tapestry</i>	
For use on online communication platforms, such as <i>Class Dojo</i>	
For use as part of work on online learning platforms, such as <i>Google Classroom</i>	

Arrival and Departure

It has been great to have families on site for drop off and pick up and thank you to everyone for their patience as we establish new routines.

Can I remind you of the following arrival periods:

KS2	KS1	Reception
08:40 - 08:45	08:45 - 08:50	08:50 – 08:55

From next week, we are going to make a slight change. The door to the KS2 entrance (double doors next to the school hall) will be closed just after 08:45 from Monday. If you are running late, please could you sign in at the school office.

We are also keen to have the site secure as soon as possible at the beginning and end of every day. We aim to lock gates at 09:00 each morning and then at 15:30 at the end of the day.

COVID

It can be difficult to adjust to the new guidelines with regards to isolating because of COVID-19. Our [Coronavirus; Key Information](#) page has information regarding school management of the virus.

If there are symptoms or cases in the family, this government guidance is helpful. See [here](#). The need to isolate is less prevalent now, depending on your age and



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vaccination status. It is worth pointing out that a negative PCR test is the one conclusive measure in determining your likelihood of having the virus. The home-test, lateral flow tests are an important part of our response to keeping safe. However, if you have symptoms, it is a PCR test that should be booked.

It is also worth mentioning that weather temperatures are due to drop next week. To improve ventilation, we are opening windows throughout the day. Therefore, classrooms are likely to be a little colder. We recommend jumpers and cardigans so that learning can be as comfortable as possible.

We will continue to keep you up to date via our website and I will write to you regularly throughout the year. As ever, always feel welcome to get in touch if you have any queries in the meantime.

Kind regards

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Day	Year	Class
Monday 27th September	One	Holly
Tuesday 28th September	One	Chestnut
Wednesday 29th September	Two	Hazel
Thursday 30th September	Two	Cedar
Friday 01st October	Three	Lime
Monday 04th October	Three	Beech
Tuesday 05th October	Four	Laurel
Wednesday 06th October	Five	Ash
Thursday 07th October	Five	Birch

