

Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you all well after a lovely half-term holiday and welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We continue to keep you informed via our website but there are several items I wanted to bring to your attention this week.

Travel

We recently posted an item on our [News & Events](#) page about changes to the Highway Code and the importance of safe and considerate travel. I do appreciate that there are challenges with travel, especially with regards to the road not yet being adopted at the front of the school.

Mostly, families do use the roads around school safely and I thank you for all your patience and care when navigating the congestion. However, I was informed yesterday of a driver mounting the verge and pavement to pass other cars. This is extremely dangerous driving and particularly irresponsible given that it was witnessed during the busy drop-off period in the morning.

Please slow down and drive safely.

If you see driving that you think is careless or dangerous, members of the public can report this to the police. Usually, unless there is dangerous driving in process, this can be done by calling 101.

Please also remember that we do have an agreement with the local village hall at the back of the school to use their car park for drop off and pick up. There are plenty of spaces and it is only a short walk to the school site from here.

COVID-19

You will be aware that things have changed, again, with regards to national guidance concerning COVID-19. The big change being that there is now no legal requirement to self isolate if you test positive for COVID-19.

The change is very new and it often takes a while for clear guidance to emerge for schools. However, the same principles apply as for any infectious illness: please only send your children to school if they are well. The advice with regards to COVID-19 is



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to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. The same isolation period and testing procedures are also currently recommended. You can find up-to-date information [here](#).

Generally, we will proceed as per usual with risk management measures in place to help keep people safe. This will mean events being held online for the time being, such as the upcoming Parent/Teacher Meetings in March. However, with the option of outdoor events more feasible in the warmer months and the hope of less disruption, we will look to welcome the community into school more, in the summer term.

Staffing

Although the community has worked hard to keep cases low, there is still COVID-19 in school and it continues to cause disruption, especially with regards to deployment of staff. This has been an ongoing daily challenge at the moment.

Please accept my apologies for any disruption caused, whether this be because of a change of teacher or that your children are not getting the same consistent access to members of our support staff.

On staffing, we have several vacant positions available at the moment. If you would like to join our team or you know someone who might be interested, please take a look at the links below:

[Teacher](#)

[Teaching Assistant](#)

[Breakfast & After School Play Worker](#)

[Cleaner](#)

Finally, on the staffing front, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Pearson will be returning after the Easter break. She will be sharing the teaching responsibilities in our Year One Holly class, with Mrs Keep.



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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, please remember we have a community forum each half-term where we can work together and you can give feedback on how to improve our school. It is also a good idea to check our [News & Events](#) and [Term Dates](#) pages regularly, for other useful information.

Kind regards

Jem Brereton

Headteacher

