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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you and your family well and staying safe.

## **STATUTORY CONFIRMED RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ALL PUPILS – SEPTEMBER 2020**

I am writing to confirm that, following the recent government announcement, all Wildmoor Heath staff and pupils will return to school full time, and in uniform, on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. We are delighted that we will finally be able to welcome all our new pupils as well as our returning pupils. We are currently running the school with around half of our learners until the end of the summer term, in bubbles groups of 15. This will change from September 2020 back to full classes.

## **RECEPTION CHILDREN STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

I know that parents/ carers of the new Reception class have not been able to bring their child into school during these past few months for transition visits. This was unavoidable in order to protect our pupils and staff. The Reception team, led by Mrs Joseph, has produced and issued a number of useful welcome/ orientation presentations, plus summer activities for your child. Materials included a virtual tour of the school. If you did not receive these materials, or require another copy, please contact the school office: Mrs Attfield, 01344 772034 or [secretary@wildmoorheath.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wildmoorheath.org.uk).

Mrs Joseph, our Early Years Leader, will issue a joining letter and schedule to parents and carers of new Reception children this week. She will allocate a time slot for each family to join her in the Wildmoor Heath Reception class for an individual meeting with the Early Years team in the first three days (Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020) of the autumn term. This is to allow your child and family to become acquainted with the setting and the staff, and for us to answer any queries you may have.

## **PRIORITIES AS WE RETURN**

We all appreciate the upheaval caused by the unprecedented CV-19 pandemic to our lives. The Wildmoor Heath team knows that this has been a very difficult period for many children and families and we seek to help you with the return to school in every way.

Our priorities from September will focus on a smooth, calm and controlled reintegration of all pupils and staff. We have had a great deal of practice during the past few months, without any CV-19 health concerns. We will continue to enforce our proven measures, protecting the health and safety of our staff and pupils, whilst enabling your children to receive their full education in a welcoming and inclusive environment. I will issue full details of our 'Return to Wildmoor Heath School Safely' measures next week.

Our priority will be to reassure our pupils and nurture their mental and physical mental well-being. We are keen to help rebuild their self-esteem, social confidence and relationships in school. As part of this, we will continue to work as a school on the importance of our five school values – Respect, Empathy, Aspirations, Courage and Honesty – all so vital at this time. Feeling secure and part of a calm and controlled school environment, children will feel ready to learn. Our aim is to offer a full and rich curriculum to all learners. We will focus on carefully structured daily routines, which help pupils to close any learning gaps and regain their academic progress. We will emphasise the teaching of the core subjects of reading, writing and mathematics. There may be teaching of work from the previous year, plus daily handwriting, spellings, class reading, times tables sessions.

## ATTENDANCE WILL RESUME AS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

I am confident that families will be keen for their children to return to school to resume their education from September. Children thrive when they have a clear routine and the daily opportunity to socialise with others. Indeed, at Wildmoor Heath School, we are proud of our excellent attendance, which was 97% for the academic year leading up to the CV-19 school closure.

The government has stated that it is a legal requirement for parents and carers to send children back to school. All schools will be required to monitor attendance closely and can issue fines for those cases parents do not follow the law and send their children back to school. Where any absence exceeds three days, parents/carers may be required to provide medical evidence in the form of prescription copies, a doctor's notes, etc.

## NEW CLASS TEACHERS

I am pleased to confirm that the teaching and learning staff for next year will be as follows:

CLASS	TEACHER	LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF
Reception	Mrs Joseph Student Teacher: Miss Riches	Mrs Smith, Mrs Mahoney –Veitch
Year 1	Mrs Dalton	Mrs Dyes
Year 2	Miss Smith	Miss Grove
Year 3	Miss Thompson Mrs Hamer	Miss Clements
Year 4	Mr Phelps Student Teacher: Miss Barrass	Mrs Osman
Year 5	Mrs Vincent	Mrs Muttitt
Year 6	Mr Thomas	Mrs Thurgood (School ELSA)
OTHER TEACHERS		
Years 3 to 6 French	Mrs Peake	Class staff
Forest Schools Teacher	Mrs Holt	
Special Needs Coordinator (SENDCo)	Mrs MacManus	
Year 3 and 4 Interventions Teacher	Mrs Leach (first half-term only)	

Unfortunately, we remain unable to invite new or current pupils in to meet their new teachers before the end of term, as this does not comply with the ongoing Health and Safety guidance. From September, we will continue to protect staff and pupils by minimising parents or external visitors on site. In early September, all teachers will publish a recorded Parental Briefing film introducing their team and covering the year's curriculum, homework, our learning ethos, school values, behavioural expectations plus planned trips. These films will be widely available from September and published on the school website so that parents, carers and learners can watch their class film together.

I am delighted that we will all soon be back together in our Wildmoor community and look forward to sharing more details with you next week.

Regards,

Mrs L. Semper  
Headteacher