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RE: Emergency Care during the wider opening of Woodhouse Primary Academy

Dear parents/carers,

You will have seen the information relating to the gradual wider opening of Woodhouse Primary Academy, which is currently planned to begin on Tuesday 2nd June. I wanted to write to you to give you some reassurance about the care we provide to enable you to work.

The Emergency care which we have delivered since the general closure of all schools in March will continue as currently and remains the top priority for our school. Woodhouse will remain open to care for your children during what would have been half term Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May (we will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 25th June) and until further notice. **Emergency care will continue to be offered 5 days a week from 8am-5pm.**

Your child will still be able to access before and after school provision free of charge, which will be reserved just for children of critical workers whose parents need it to attend work as it is now. Staff working in Before and After school will also be supporting only the Emergency care children during lunchtime. Children in Emergency care will not mix with any other groups of children or adults during any part of the day. They will be protected within their “bubbles” with dedicated staff who will work with just them.

Children having emergency care will remain with that group even where they are in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, as this will allow them to continue with the hours and days which you currently have, and provide flexibility so you can attend work as needed. They will continue to access the work set by their teachers and work on their learning with their peers each day. The only way a child can rejoin their year group would be to undertake the same start times and days as that group, which I feel would be unsuitable. If, however, that would be your preference, then of course I can arrange this for you – contact me to discuss this please. Once a child is in a group – or “bubble” they will not be able to move to another group, so this does need considering.

There will be some limited changes to our operation from Monday 1st June, which we will need to introduce as we adapt to larger numbers of children in school. I hope this won't cause too much upset or inconvenience.

- Children will no longer bring **any** items other than their clothing in from home – book bags, PE kit, bottles, lunch boxes need to stay at home. Anything they need will be provided in school e.g. disposable cups each day for drinking.
- We will be moving to a cold meal each day, although we will work hard to make this as engaging as possible and give the children as much choice as we can. This remains free of charge.
- Children arriving in school first thing will need to arrive between **8am-8:50am** each morning, so the entrance can be used by other year groups from 9am. Please stick to these times when this is agreed with you. If your child needs to attend later in the day (e.g. 10am, 11am as currently), then this can continue. Pick up time is unchanged. You will continue to use the main entrance as you do currently to drop off and collect your children.

As always, please communicate with me on covid19care@woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk to book your child into the emergency care or to ask any questions or queries you might have. Thank you for your contribution to our country already during this crisis and for your engagement with the things we have put in place in school. Your positive attitudes and support have been very welcome in school and have enabled us to remain open throughout. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Wilson,
Head Teacher, Woodhouse Primary Academy

