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RE: Ensuring the safety of all children and adults for the full opening of Woodhouse Primary Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome children back to Woodhouse today and look forward to having our school filled completely as we welcome our new children in Nursery and Reception. Whilst we are all excited about this, it is important for us to remember that there are still guidelines set out by the Government that must be adhered to in order to keep all children safe. These are important to make sure the Woodhouse is safe for all pupils, parents and staff at all times.

We understand the school closure will have caused some children and parents to experience the feelings of anxiety. Children will need some support in the transition back to school and this will be needed to be completed by all children when they return – in particular, special consideration given to the promotion of childrens' mental health and wellbeing, whilst effectively reintegrating children back into school return. This will be at the heart of our curriculum through our unit of work "We are Woodhouse" which children will undertake across the school.

Our academy has completed risk assessments which detail the measures to be taken for children and staff to be safe whilst in the school environment. Where possible, minimal physical contact between members of staff and children at school must be adhered to, to ensure all can be kept safe. We will work with the children to support their understanding of this.

As always, it is therefore imperative that children arrive at school ready to learn and are able to follow the Woodhouse expectations, behaviour policy and the risk assessments to keep everyone safe. These documents can be found on the website here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>

We know that the children at Woodhouse Primary Academy are well behaved, work hard, follow instructions and will do all they can to make sure that everyone is kept safe. Our staff team are committed to supporting all children to understand the changes in school and to understand how and why they will be able to keep everyone safe if these are followed. However, in the current climate - where Health and Safety is more imperative than ever - it is necessary for us all to be clear on possible sanctions for poor behaviour that puts others (children and/or adults) at risk. Examples have been set out below.

It is important to be clear that **all** staff in school have the right to enforce this policy and that all instructions given must be followed by all children attending our school.



- Should there be an occasion where a child does not follow the school rules or expectations, this child will then be putting members of staff and other children within the school at risk. This may result in a fixed term exclusion, with parents immediately being asked to collect children from school. It is the responsibility of parents / carers leaving their child at school to ensure they will be available and able to collect their child should this need occur.
- The school uses a range of strategies to support pupils in deescalating situations where a child displays extreme behaviours, which ultimately put themselves or others at risk of harm. Where this is the case, staff in school will contact parents and explain if their child is not safe to be in school and this will result in a fixed term exclusion, with parents immediately being asked to collect children from school. Repeated instances of this behaviour will be taken extremely seriously and this could result in your child no longer being able to access the provision at our academy in the current climate.
- It is an expectation that whilst your child is in school, that they adhere to the school's regulations in relation to hygiene: they must follow instructions for handwashing, sanitising and use of equipment. Expectations about sneezing, coughing and tissue disposal will be shared regularly with pupils; it is an expectation this is reiterated at home by parents/carers in the best interests of all parties.
- It goes without saying that any serious breaches of hygiene and sanitisation – including spitting, coughing at others and wiping fluids on others – will be taken incredibly seriously and incidents such as this may result in a fixed term exclusion, with parents immediately being asked to collect children from school. This will be dealt with extremely seriously and consequences will be put in place.
- Children must follow guidance and instructions on how they are able to socialise in school with their peers and staff during this time; we appreciate that for younger children, further support will be needed with this, however the expectation is that children follow instructions for the safety of themselves, their peers and staff in school. During recreational time, outdoor learning and indoor learning, the same rules and expectations apply.
- Although children will remain in their bubbles as much as possible, when moving around the school, children will be expected to follow adult's instructions, which will include one-way systems, out of bounds areas and queueing at a safe distance. Children will be reminded of these new routines, however should children choose not to abide by these instructions, this will constitute as a breach of the behaviour policy and may result in a fixed term exclusion, with parents immediately being asked to collect children from school.

You will understand that these measures are being put in place to ensure the safety of everybody on the wider return to school this term and to give all parents the confidence for their children to return. We have updated our Home school agreement to help support children and families to understand how we will need to operate, and this can be seen here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/our-academy/home-school-agreement>

Thank you for your continued support for our school, we look forward to a successful return.

Yours sincerely,



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