

# Woodside Primary Academy

## Parent Information Pack 2020-2021



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Welcome to Woodside Primary Academy, where our priority is the well-being and progress of every child. We have worked hard to develop an atmosphere of trust, happiness and achievement here at the school, to ensure that your child feels cared for and supported on their educational journey.

## Pupil Leadership

We continually strive to meet the needs of individual children and support them in becoming enthusiastic and successful learners, ambitious and creative dreamers and ethical and responsible members of society. With this in mind, we use the '**Seven Life Values**' which we believe are essential for our children to be successful, not only while they are with us, but also after they leave Woodside. Our core values are: **Respect, Responsibility, Independence, Kindness, Confidence, Honesty and Determination.**

Woodside have also adopted the '**7 Habits of Highly Effective People**' as introduced by the author Stephen Covey. These Seven Habits support personal leadership and the adoption of them has culminated in our pupils successfully writing their own reports and leading their own parents evening.

- Be Proactive
- Plan with the end in mind
- Put first things first
- Think win, win
- Seek first to understand and then to be understood
- Synergise
- Sharpen the saw

## Innovative Learning Spaces

Our dedicated teaching and support staff work together to create a stimulating learning environment for our pupils, encouraging them to become active participants in their own unique learning journeys. Our imaginative '**themed classrooms**' allow pupils to write, read and investigate in **real context environments** while fostering creativity and independent learning. These engaging and fun environments ensure that curriculum topics resonate, and that children can build a holistic understanding of the world around them.

For more information please go to our school website [www.woodsideprimaryacademy.com](http://www.woodsideprimaryacademy.com).

In addition to this, Woodside also offers the following unique features which contribute to the Outstanding provision of the school:

- Pupils are taught by teachers from Woodside across all subjects, every day of the year – our high staff ratios mean **we never need to use supply teachers.**
- Woodside is fast becoming **one of the top sporting schools** in the borough with a continuing record of successful achievements.
- Our Friday Enrichment Afternoons provide **invaluable extracurricular opportunities** for all pupils to develop new skills with clubs such as Dance, Martial Arts, Community Support Heroes and many more.
- Due to the **COVID-19 pandemic** our Friday Enrichment afternoons will not run this year.

Best wishes,

**Shane Tewes**

**Head Teacher**



## Key School Information

### School Times

We expect children to be brought and collected from school by an adult. Please make sure that your child arrives on time for the start of the day and is collected on time at the end. To be left late at the end of the day can be very distressing for a young child. If we cannot stay with a child he/she will be left with Social Services as a last resort.

The playground is open in the morning from 7.45am. We would especially ask that parents keep a close eye on younger children on the school premises to avoid accidents. The climbing frames are not to be used before or after school.

### School Sessions

	<b><u>Monday -</u></b> <b><u>AM Session</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday -</u></b> <b><u>PM Session</u></b>	<b><u>Friday -</u></b> <b><u>AM /PM Session</u></b>
<b><u>Forest Site</u></b> Nursery	8:45am – 11:45am	12:30pm – 3:30pm	8:45am – 12:45pm
Reception	8:45am – 11:30am	12:30pm – 3:20pm	8:45am – 12:45pm
Year 1	8:45am – 12:10pm	1:10pm – 3:30pm	8:45am – 12:45pm
Year 2 & 3	8:45am – 12:25pm	1:25pm – 3:30pm	8:45am – 12:45pm
	<b><u>Monday –</u></b> <b><u>AM Session</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday -</u></b> <b><u>PM Session</u></b>	<b><u>Friday -</u></b> <b><u>AM /PM Session</u></b>
<b><u>Bridge Site</u></b> Year 4, 5 & 6	9:00am – 12:40pm	1:40pm – 3:45pm	9:00am – 1:00pm

## Attendance/Punctuality

- First day of absence – Parents must call the school before 9am to explain the absence.
- Second and third day – Parents need to call daily.
- Forth day – Parents must provide with an appointment card or prescription if the child is ill or has gone to an appointment.

We ask you to make any appointments outside of school hours, if possible, to avoid your child missing any learning time.

If your child has very poor attendance or **punctuality**, the Attendance Officer will contact you. If things do not improve, the Local Authority will take court action as school attendance is a legal requirement.

## Extended leave of absence during term time

The governors have adopted the borough policy for attendance. The school **does not authorise any term time absences**. Where parents decide to go ahead with a term time holiday, they need to complete an Application for Absence from Learning form and will be subject to a fine which is issued by the Local Authority. You must inform the school of the dates you will be absent. As the school is currently oversubscribed, it is unlikely that a place will be available on your child's return. Applications for absence are available from the school office. Failure to attend school or notify us of any absence may result in your child losing their school place.

## Medicines at School

It is the school's policy that medicines or tablets are not brought into school. However, where medication has to be given on a regular basis, please see the office for guidance. Children with asthma should keep inhalers at school to use on demand (one in the school office and one in their class). Medical forms have to be completed and are available from the school office.

## Emergencies/Contact Details

Cuts and grazes requiring First Aid are dealt with in school, but in more serious cases, parents will be contacted. It is **VITAL** that we have the correct telephone number so parents and relatives can be contacted in case of an emergency. Please let us know **immediately** if there are any changes to these. Please provide the school with at least one alternate emergency contact in the case where we are not able to get through to the parents. In the event of a serious accident, the school would request an ambulance, and whilst the parent is being contacted, a member of staff would accompany the child to the hospital.

If your child has a bump to the head, you will be contacted by the school office to inform you of what happened, giving you the opportunity to decide whether you think your child is well enough to stay in school. Your child will also bring home a note with all the accident details on it, so you can keep an eye open for any delayed reaction.

## **Safeguarding**

Woodside Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding all pupils in its care. We follow Government legislation and Local Authority guidance when addressing matters relating to child protection. All staff in the school is trained; both buildings have designated members of staff to deal with child protection issues, should they arise. Woodside takes very seriously our duty towards all pupils who have been entrusted to our care and seeks to provide a school environment where all children are safe, secure, valued, respected and listened to.

## **Out of Hours Care – Our Extended Services**

We appreciate that some of our parents work hours that are not always suited to the traditional school day. We also know how hard it is to organise childcare around work commitments. At Woodside we offer a high quality, comprehensive wrap-around care from 7.30am until 6pm. Breakfast club is currently based at Forest site in the morning and Years 4, 5 and 6 are walked up to Bridge site with members of the breakfast club staff before school begins.

Tea time Clubs are based at both the Forest and Bridge sites.

### **Breakfast Club**

We cater for Reception aged children through to Year 6. It starts at 7.30am and we ensure that your child is in the right place at the right time for the start of their school day so that you do not have to worry. A balanced breakfast of cereals, toast and fruit juices is provided daily. During the session we also offer activities that help prepare your child for their day, which include story telling activities, reading and games. Of course, children can choose, and are indeed encouraged to socialize during breakfast time, developing their social skills and interactions with their peers in a calm environment.

### **Tea time Club**

**Forest Site:** 07931 415 690

**Bridge Site:** 07931 415 687

The children are split into two age groups, Reception to Year 3 at Forest site and Year 4 to Year 6 at Bridge site; we do this because we know that activities offered to our children not only need to be tailored to their interests and abilities, but also to their age range. We offer a variety of engaging physical and social activities during this session. We also offer support with your child's homework, thus taking the pressure off you, so that when you do get home with your child you can focus on spending quality time together. The club offers a balanced food menu that compliments both breakfast and lunch menus.

Both school offices have information packs that include costing and application forms for our extended services.

At Woodside Primary Academy we further support our working parents by offering holiday clubs for 5 of the holiday periods. These are run by qualified members of the Woodside Team

Details of the holiday clubs are advertised on the school website. Posters and flyers are also handed out in the run up to the holidays, giving you the parents, sufficient time to organise your working commitments.

## School Uniform List 2020 -2021

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As agreed by school Governors

**All children are expected to wear our agreed uniform each day. This fosters a feeling of belonging to our community, and helps children feel equal to each other.**

- Grey or Black skirt or trousers/grey pinafore dress
- Red and white summer dress (Summer term only)
- Shirts – white /polo shirt (School logo available)
- Black school shoes or boots – no logos, lights or gimmicks
- Socks- black or grey (winter) and white (Summer)
- Tights –Winter ( black, grey) Summer (white)
- Leggings – Winter (black, grey )Summer (white)
- Grey or black shorts (Summer term only)
- Hair clips / bands – red, white, black
- No jewellery- except stud earrings (Taken out for P.E)
- Religious jewellery to be worn under clothing
- Religious headwear – black, grey, white, red (plain)
- No nail polish
- No Wellington boots (can be worn to and from school ONLY))



## PE Kit

- P.E Bag

### **Winter/cold weather PE uniform**

- tracksuit bottoms (black or grey)
- red shirt
- trainers (any colour)

### **Summer PE uniform**

- black shorts/leggings (black or grey)
- red shirt
- trainers (any colour) **NO PLIMSOLS**



## Winter Coat , Winter & Summer Hats



## School Reading Bags





**Arbor** is an online communication, school data and payment tool which offers:

- A secure method of communicating between home and school, storing school information for our pupils and staff.
- A 'cashless' payment option for all school services, ensuring convenient, accurate and safe tracking for transferred money and school data.

The following services are currently payable **via Arbor**:

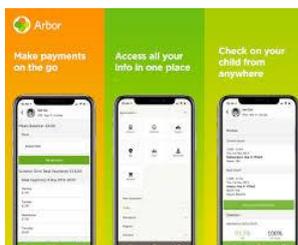
- School meals.
- Extended services such as breakfast and tea time club.
- Contributions for educational trips and workshops
- School events

**It is essential for all payments to be made in advance so that the school can guarantee availability of the requested service.** It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that their account remains in credit – free email reminder services are available via your Arbor account. Failure to keep your account in credit will result in the following actions:

- School meals – you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child.
- Extended services – your child will lose their place.
- Educational visits – where there are insufficient contributions we will have to cancel the visit.

**Download the Arbor App from your phone App store.**

Learn how to use the App here: <https://youtu.be/znuzCX-oimw>





## **Parent and Community Engagement**

At Woodside, we believe that the school should be the hub of the local community. We have begun to develop this vision by hosting a number of community events.

### **Fireworks Night**

On 4th November 2019, over 1400 parents, pupils, family members and local residents enjoyed our Fireworks Extravaganza. Games, activities, glow sticks, bouncy castles and of course lots of fireworks were on offer. It was a fantastic event enjoyed by the community.

### **Christmas Market**

We held our biggest and best yet annual Woodside Magical Market in December 2019. It was a wonderful mix of local community traders, non-Walthamstow traders and members of our Woodside community who came together to sell their wares in our custom built Christmas market stalls. With over 1500 people in attendance, we all enjoyed experiencing 10 fairground rides, visiting Father Christmas in his grotto, our Woodside carol singing, delicious food & drink and festive themed arts and crafts.

### **International Food Festival**

Our summer event - Woodside International Food Festival had to be cancelled this year due to COVID-19. This incredibly popular and enjoyable annual event usually sees our Woodside families and members of our local community cook, bake, prepare and serve authentic food from all over the world. In previous years we have had over 20 countries represented as well as entertainment for the whole family - funfair attractions, face painting, a petting zoo, live music and much more on offer throughout the day.

## **Woodsiders - Our Parent School Association Team**

In the last year, we have developed our Woodside parent and community group who are more commonly known as the 'Woodsiders'. A representative collection of staff, parents and members of our Woodside community are dedicated in using their spare time and skills to connect the school community, in order to promote a positive, happy environment for the children, their families and staff.

This year, many of their plans to bring people together with fun, social events that help to raise funds for projects had to be put on hold. They are looking forward to returning in the next academic year.

# Calendar 2020 / 2021

## Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School closed (INSET day)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	School closed (INSET day)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Children return to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Children return to school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Term
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	School closed (INSET)

## Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	School closed (INSET day)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Children return to school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Children return to school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last day of Term
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Good Friday bank holiday

## Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	May Day bank holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Last day of Term
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	School closed (INSET)