

To our Dear Westwood Family, thank you for your patience,

Since the announcement and guidance from Welsh Government referring to school reopening last Friday, we have been working hard to give you an **outline plan** for our return to Westwood in the Autumn term.

**As you will know, from communication from Welsh Government, schools are returning to normal session times; contact groups will cease and only close contacts identified by TTP will need to isolate.**

However the Welsh Government guidance for operations in school is very clear that within the building and on the school site, we will be continuing with our strict hygiene and organisation.

In consultation with Flintshire County Council and our consortium schools we have an **outline plan**, which will allow you to prepare yourselves and your children for a return in September. This is based on our current situation with Covid 19 and guidance. This is also to allow all Health and Safety elements to be fully considered and integrated by staff, planning and risk assessments to be fully implemented and operational before our pupils come into the school building in September 2021. I am sure that you will appreciate the huge amount of work that must take place to ensure a safe return for all! You will also very much appreciate the normality from September that school will bring to you and your families too.

**School will reopen to pupils in Nursery to Year 6 from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Reception and Nursery pupils will be notified by Mrs Ryan and Mrs Hatton/Mrs Bannister on how you will be phased into your classes.**

Please read the operational guidance from Welsh Government with regards to school organisation here:

<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings>

To allow the children back into school safely and within the remit of the operational guidance set out by Welsh Government with regards to normal session times, please see the table for organisation. This arrangement will be continually reviewed in line with any risks linked to Covid 19. We will still be using different gates for your child to enter and leave the site, which will be staffed. We have outlined this too in the table.

Our staff will assist in the return to school organisation; we have been requested to remind parents that **we need to ensure that entrances and exits are kept clear and not busy, socially distanced wherever possible so punctuality is key. Parents will be allowed on site for pick up in the designated areas to keep them from being too crowded.** We would really welcome your support here for this arrangement for us all to be successful and I know you will appreciate having the weeks ahead to plan and prepare for this in September.

What will be continuing in September:

- Lunch boxes are allowed on site, own lunch can be brought from home and if your child wishes to have snack, this should be brought from home too - fruit please.
- Your child can bring in their own stationery in a pencil case, water bottle, santiser and a bag for school.
- Uniform is to be worn and P.E. Kit can be worn on P.E. days, which is strictly black shorts and white tshirt.
- Own clothes for 'Welly Wednesday!'

**The full running and operation guide will be with you over the summer holiday**, to keep you informed and I will be updating this within a 'Parent Handbook'.

This handbook will include important information on resources, toilets, playtimes, playgrounds, lunch times and confirmed external catering arrangements, curriculum and further organisational you will need to know. **All updates and any extra information will be with you in plenty of time before we see you all again in September. KEEP A CHECK YOUR OF EMAILS PLEASE ☺**

**You will also notice that we have renamed our classes. Our amazing Eco Committee came up with the idea for each class to have a name of a tree. A lovely idea as it fits in so well with the Westwood logo too! Thank you Eco Committee!**

**It is important you keep to your times for drop off and pick up. Thank you for your support.**

**September 2021 Organisation will be as follows:**

Year groups and Class Teacher	Class	Start time	End time	Children Entrance / Exit
Rowan Class - Nursery (am only)	Mrs Ryan	9am	11.30am	TBC due to works on site. We will Meet and Greet you at the small silver gate.
Holly Class - Reception	Mrs Hatton	8.50am	3.05pm	Small gate on the Padeswood Road – Meet & Greet to class door.
Elder Class - Reception / Year 1	Mrs Bannister (cover Mrs Fresa)	8.50am	3.05pm	Small gate on the Padeswood Road – Meet & Greet to class door.
Violet Class– Year 1	Miss Vickers	8.50am	3.05pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet.
Derwen Class - Year 2	Mrs Donaghy Acting Foundation Phase Manager	8.50am	3.05pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet.
Beech Class- Year 3	Miss Bennett	8.45am	3.10pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet.
Pine Class– Year 4	Mr Powell	8.45am	3.10pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet.
Magnolia Class – Year 5	Miss Mattar	8.45am	3.10pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.
Douglas Fir Class – Year 5 & 6	Miss Davies (cover Mrs Farrer)	8.45am	3.10pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.
Birch Class – Year 6	Mrs Brown Acting Deputy Head	8.45am	3.10pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.

**Please note: If you have siblings in either Holly Class - Reception / Elder Class - Reception / Year 1 - Violet Class – Year 1 - Derwen Class - Year 2, the older sibling will exit with the younger sibling to assist with home time. Staff will assist you here.**

### **Nursery Groupings**

- Nursery groups in at times stated in your communications with Mrs Ryan.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

We want to be operational with breakfast clubs from 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Nursery to Year 6. Breakfast club starts at 7.45am and finish at 8.55am. Breakfast club from 7.45am to 8.20am is £2.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and £2 for further sibling places. Breakfast club after 8.20am to 8.55am is **free. All children for the free element for Breakfast club must be in breakfast club by 8.30am as the gates close.** All children are to come in through the small Padeswood Road gate and it will be a meet and greet system only. The breakfast club will need to be organised in small groupings. Due to this fact, **ALL breakfast club places for the time being will need to be booked via school comms in advance to allow safe organisation of bubbles and adequate staffing.**

If you need help or assistance, please email the office. Thank you in advance with your support with this arrangement.

## **Afterschool Club**

This will be arranged through Penguins who are currently working with us to be fully operational too from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. You can contact Penguins on their email [penguingroupo@gmail.com](mailto:penguingroupo@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Penguin-Playgroup-and-After-school-Club-824307194374391/> or 07955 114184 for more information on this.

## **Summer Holidays**

We know that you will be looking forward to relaxing for summer and hopefully recharging your batteries, after a challenging year. We appreciate that there will be relaxing of guidance over the coming weeks into the summer holidays. Covid 19 is still present in the community and the spreading of the virus, including the wider symptoms may increase. We are hopeful that the return in September will not be disrupted by positive cases.

## **Goodbye to...**

Mr Northall, who is leaving Westwood to go to teach in Russia; Mrs Anderton and Mrs Nash who are going onto other roles outside education. I would like to wish them all the very best for the future and thank them on behalf of our Westwood Family for their amazing contributions to Team Westwood.

## **And finally! Farewell to our Wonderful Year 6 😊**

On Friday, our Year 6 pupils say goodbye to Westwood and embark on the next exciting step onto high school. They will have a great send off and the opportunity for shirt signing. The Leavers' Service and a special montage will be shared on our You tube channel. You will have the link sent to you 😊

I want to take this opportunity to say just how much I have enjoyed watching our Year 6's grow, and mature from Nursery to Year 6. They have been an absolute delight in so many ways and we have an abundance of amazing, cherished memories of our Year 6 children. They are a credit to each and every parent, and family member. I am so proud to say they are a member of our Westwood Family – now and always! And as always, Westwood will be here for you all, so do not be strangers Year 6 - Westwood is always your home too.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to my Team Westwood! You all have such strength, commitment and dedication to our Westwood Family – it is beyond words! You are all SUPERHEROES and I couldn't be prouder than I am of each and every one of you and the part you have played this year!

Thank you all too, our Westwood Family, for your continued support this year. You have been so incredible despite the challenges! We do look forward to welcoming some normality in September and want you to stay super safe over the summer holidays. Do not forget, we are just an email away if you need us!!

**Have a cracking summer, and as always, Stay strong; Stay positive; Stay happy; and most importantly, Stay very safe!!**

Enjoy your summer break!!

Mrs. Williams and Team Westwood 😊