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# Woodie News - August

Dear Parents/Carers — we have **really** missed you!

I hope you are all safe and well and have been looking forward to your child/children returning to school. It was very emotional seeing and hearing all our Woodie weans again in the building. The start to session 2020/2021 is definitely one which none of us will ever forget. I need to give you loads of reassurance that our number one priority is the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils. We are taking it 'one day at a time', as we want to ensure we give all our 472 pupils the opportunity and support to settle back into 'new school' life. We will move to more familiar school work and timetables when we feel each class is ready, so please bear with us.



A special welcome to all our new 69 Primary 1 children and their families. It is lovely to have you as part of our school. The children were all fantastic when they came in on Wednesday and Thursday this week, although there were a few wee sleepy heads in the afternoons. Our new systems did not phase the children at all as they have never experienced school in any other way!

Thank you very much for reading and following the guidance which has been emailed out to you. Your support of our new systems is crucial in helping our whole Woodside family stay safe when entering and exiting school. I am aware that there is a lot of information out there and I'm trying my best to keep you as up to date as I possibly can at this time. On the last page you will see a change which we are already making starting from Monday. The easiest way for us to do this is by using the e-mail that is connected to your 'Parent pay' account. Please check this regularly and if you haven't logged on yet, please do so.

Remember that our Newsletter is published on the website and will also now be emailed to you on the **first Friday of every month**. At this moment, none of us know what the school year ahead is going to look like. However, our positive and strong partnerships with all our families will be even more valuable, as together we build our new 'Woodie way'. I look forward to working in a socially distanced partnership with you in the year ahead!

If you need any information or have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Take care,  
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As we are unable to arrange any trips or events our school calendar is pretty empty at the moment. Please see below some dates for your diary.

## Dates For Your Diary

<b>17th August</b>	All children return to school 8.45am—P2&3 9am - P4-7 9.05 - Primary 1 (Group 1) 9.15am - Primary 1 (Group 2)
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<b>24th August</b>	Primary 1 pupils now in school from 8.45am - 2.45pm. No parents in
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<b>4th Sep</b>	Newsletter online
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<b>25th Sep</b>	Holiday
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<b>28th Sep</b>	Holiday
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<b>2nd Oct</b>	Newsletter Online
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<b>12th - 16th Oct</b>	Holiday
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We try to share up to date news, different events, successes and photographs on the school



Twitter page :-

**@woodsidepschool**

If you are not a follower yet, please click to follow the page. Our Twitter account is one way communication only.





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## Staffing

I am delighted to say our whole school team have returned safe and well. A massive 'Thank You' to all the staff for their hard work in preparing all our classes for the full return to school. A special mention needs to go to Nikki our janitor who along with working in the hub all summer, had the tiring job of moving all the tables and chairs back into our classrooms, ready for everyone's return.

Along with the safety of all our children we need to ensure the safety of all the staff too! Our classrooms have been arranged so that the teachers have plenty of space to move around and work with the children, whilst retaining their 2 metre distance.

We have welcomed three new members of staff:- Mrs Claire Ashwood, Miss Natalie Caskie and Mr Stephen Williamson.

Mrs Bisset has returned with a rather large bump and finishes for her maternity leave today, (14th Aug) Our good wishes go with her and I will keep you updated!

I am also delighted to welcome our new Depute Head Mrs Kathleen Faloon. It's great to have her in our team as she is the perfect fit for Woodside. In this crazy time I am aware that most of you will not get the chance to meet her in person so please see a wee message from her below.

Our classes for this session are as follows:-

Primary 1 Room 1- Miss Caskie (Mon&Tue) and Mrs Lawson (PT)

Primary 1/2 Room 2 - Mrs Smith

Primary 1 Room 3—Mrs McKellar (PT)

Primary 2 Room 4—Ms Lennox

Primary 2 Room 5- Mrs Yates

Primary 2/3 Room 6 - Ms More

Primary 3 Room 7- Mrs Burke

Primary 3 Room 8—Mrs Lair

Primary 4 Room 9 - Mrs Aitchinson ( Mon, Tue am), Miss McEnroy

Primary 4 Room 10 Mrs Ferguson

Primary 5 Room 11- Mrs Reilly

Primary 5 Room 12 Miss McLarnon ( Acting PT Mon &Tue)

Primary 6 Room 13 - Mrs Ashwood

Primary 6 Room 14—Miss Paterson

Primary 7 Room 15 - Miss Wilson

Primary 7 Room 16—Miss Baillie



## Hello from Mrs Faloon

It is with huge excitement that I introduce myself as Depute Head Teacher at Woodside. What a joyful first week it has been! I have been made to feel so welcome by everyone I have met and am looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to say hello when you see me at the gates! I know only too well the extent to which you will all have been busy ironing, polishing and buffing this week having prepped my own four children for the return to school this week too!



Aside from my passion for education and learning I am very family orientated and much of my spare time is spent taking long walks or bike rides with my children. I am fanatical about children's books and at home I am regularly found huddled with a cup of tea and a good book. If you ever need any book recommendations for your children please just ask – it is my favourite topic of conversation!

It has been so wonderful to welcome the pupils back to school this week and I look forward to getting to know everyone in the Woodside family!



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## Our School Recovery Plan

Every session we evaluate our current position and plan our improvement strategies for the year ahead. However, in this challenging time we have had to focus on a new set of priorities for the session ahead:-

- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 1 - Promote the positive health and wellbeing of children, parents/carers and staff**
- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 2 - Planning for Equity**
- ⇒ **Improvement Priority 3 - Continuity of Learning**

For more detailed information, copies of both our 'Recovery Plan 2020-21' and our 'Standards and Quality Report' will be added on our website. We will keep you updated regarding the progress of our work throughout the session.



## Visitors

**It pains us to say that following Government guidelines we are not able to have any parents or visitors at the school. We will miss you as it's just not our way at Woodside!**

**If you require any information or have news to share can you either email the school office or give them a call on 01698 427811. Many thanks**

## Parking

**Please can I ask that you respect local neighbours' driveways and private car parks when dropping/collecting your children? It is very busy outside the school but we want everybody to be safe and happy. Thank you.**



## Parental Guide—Update and changes

First, I need to say a massive 'Thank you' to every parent for working in partnership with us by using the correct gates for the drop off and pick ups. I appreciate that this is not ideal for many of you however, this system is in place to reduce our numbers at peak times.

As of Monday, when we **all** return, I am aware the areas outside the school are going to be very busy. Therefore, can I please ask that you do not arrive before your child's starting time. Also, if coming to a gate can you drop off and then move on. This will ensure everyone is safe and able to socially distance. Thank you!

At 8.45am can P2 and P3 parents drop off first then go. At 9am, Primary 4-7 parents drop off and go. After 9am and once the playground is cleared the Primary 1 children will be able to enter.

At 2.45pm Primary 2 and 3 parents should arrive first and collect their children, then move off. At 3pm, Primary 4-7 parents arrive and pick up and go. Finally, Primary 1 parents will be able to enter once the playground is cleared.

At the end of the day we are looking to use some of the space in the top car park for parents collecting at the Merc Garage. Please can I kindly ask that you don't stand on their property or allow the children to play on their wall. Thank you.

After our first few days we have decided to change our lunch arrangement so as of Monday 17th August our lunch times will be as follows:-

**11.50am-12.35pm** for Primary 1,2 and 3 children

**12.45pm-1.30pm** for Primary 4,5,6 and 7 children.

There will be no afternoon break.

