



Autumn Term 1 2024

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to the autumn term and I hope all of our Woodhouse families had a lovely summer. Hello to all of our new children and families who are beginning their journey with us in Nursery and Reception.

We are also delighted to introduce two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Buckley will be teaching in Nursery covering for Miss Jones who had a beautiful baby girl in August. Mrs Tarry joins us as a new Key Stage 2 leader and Year 3 teacher. She will be starting her maternity leave at Christmas.

To enable you to see where your children are learning and say hello to their new teachers we will be having 'Open Classrooms' for children in Year 1 to Year 6 next Wednesday 11th September from 3:45pm—4:45pm. It would be lovely to see you!

I just wanted to remind everyone of a few things as we start our new school year.



The children all looked super-smart in their uniforms this week. Please can I urge you to ensure that every single item of your children's belongings are **clearly named**. Missing uniform causes distress for everyone, and named items can be swiftly returned. We had a huge amount of unclaimed lost property last term.

If your child has packed lunches please can I remind you that we have a **no nut and no egg policy** as we have adults and children with serious allergies in school.



All children should bring a **named water bottle** to school each day. The children have access to this water throughout the day. These bottles must not contain juice. It is helpful if water bottles are taken home and washed and refilled each day. Juice is fine for lunchtime drinks.

Please can I encourage **healthy snacks** for break times, avoiding chocolate, crisps and sweets.

A quick reminder about **contacting school**. Absences should always be reported to the **school office** by 9am either by emailing woodhouse.admin@trafford.gov.uk or calling 0161 748 5844 and leaving a message. Class Dojo is great for quick questions or information but please be aware that teachers are not able to check Dojo during the school day. If your question is urgent or you are advising about a change of pick-up arrangements please contact the office who will be happy to pass on the message for you.



Any request for planned **absence** should be made using the 'Leave of Absence' form. This is available from the office or on the website. Forms must be returned to the school office **at least two weeks** before the start of the leave of absence. **Absence for holidays will not be authorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice**. Please can I urge you to check school holiday dates carefully.



As the weather begins to change we know that more children travel to school by car. Please can I remind you to be respectful of our neighbours and **park with care and consideration**. Please do not stop, drop off or park on zig-zag lines or drive across pavements to park. Turning off engines while you wait should help to improve the air quality too. If you can, please walk, scoot or cycle. We will have another 'Walk to School' week soon.

Jewellery should not be worn for school. Children may wear small plain stud earrings but earrings should not be worn for PE lessons or swimming. Children should remove earrings themselves before PE lessons and place in a named purse, coin bag or similar and handed to the class teacher for safe keeping. Younger children may struggle to remove and replace earrings themselves. In this case, it is advisable for them not to wear earrings on 'PE days'

As ever, if you have any concerns about school or your child please get in touch. We are always happy to work with you to solve any issues and a solution can usually be quickly found if we work together.

Here's to a healthy and happy half-term.