



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Welcome and thank you

It gives me great pleasure to write my first communication to you all as the new Principal of Woodford CE Primary School. It is an absolute privilege to have been appointed by both the school Governors and the Nene Education Trust. To be given the job of guiding such a wonderful school through the next steps of its journey is one that excites me a great deal and I am committed to ensuring all children receive the education they deserve.

I am determined that Woodford CE Primary School will continue to build on its excellent reputation and continue to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community. I will ensure that our high expectations and standards are maintained, and with your support alongside the dedication and commitment of the staff, we will provide an education to enable our children to shine bright like stars in the sky.

I have the absolute pleasure to meet so many of you on your way in to school and it is great to see how smart and happy our children look. As a new member of the Woodford community, I aim to make sure your child is safe, happy, and achieving well during their time at school. This is a major focus for us all over the first term, so I have been spending the first few weeks making sure all of the children have settled into their new classes and are happy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank so many of you for supporting your children and the school at our recent Harvest Festival. The positivity within the church was tangible and it was so lovely to see how happy and proud each and every one of you were. It has been a long time coming for us all to be together again, and I am hopeful that there will be more opportunities to share the wonderful work our children are capable of.

Collective Community Partnership

Woodford CE Primary school is a great school at the heart of a great community. I am keen to meet as many of you as possible. Please pop in to say hello, ask any questions, or share your vision for the school. We are all trying to make an important contribution to the children's achievements at school and I want to develop a great relationship between the school and the community that it serves.

To develop this relationship, I will be holding several events over the year, that will provide an opportunity for me to meet you and share key information. These events will take place at different times of the year and will last roughly 30-45 minutes. I hope this will enable you to attend, but also then share any ideas or concerns you may have. Please see details of these events below:

Wednesday 13th October 2021, 6.00pm start
Wednesday 08th December 2021, 6.00pm start
Wednesday 09th February 2022, 6.00pm start
Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 6.00pm start
Wednesday 18th May 2022, 6.00pm start
Wednesday 13th July 2022, 6.00pm start

Our first Collective Community Partnership meeting is due to take place Wednesday 13th October 2021. This will give you all an opportunity to hear about my vision for the school but it will also allow us an opportunity to work together to tackle any issues that you may have also.



Pupil Premium – Do you qualify?

If you are eligible, you will receive £260 per academic year, per child to spend on:

- An allowance of £100 towards the cost to purchase uniform
- An allowance of £60 to cover the cost of trips or visitors for the year (residential not included)
- An allowance of £100 to cover the cost of extra-curricular activities/clubs/music lessons
- Free School Meals in Key Stage 2 (KS1 meals are already free to all children through Universal Free School Meals. This is a separate stream of funding to Pupil Premium)

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and the allowances in school. If your child/children are entitled to free school meals, the school will receive an additional £1,320. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above and is used to provide valuable support like extra intervention, additional support resources or access to a range of enrichment activities.

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit

Key Stage 1 (reception, year 1 and year 2) children can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your and your child with additional funding to support them.

Key Stage 2 (year 3, year 4, year 5 and year 6) children can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your and your child with additional funding to support them.

Free meals are automatically available to all Key Stage 1 (reception, year 1 and year 2) children under the Universal Infant School Meals Scheme. This is separate to Pupil Premium, so you can still see if you are eligible for Pupil Premium support, to do this you will need to apply.

To check if your child is eligible, please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call Northamptonshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 0300 126 1000.

The information you will need to apply is:

Parent / guardian last name (Parent in receipt of benefit/s)

Parent / Guardian first name

Parent / Guardian Date of birth

Parent / Guardian Telephone Number

Parent /Guardian Address

Parent / Guardian Email Address

Parent / Guardian National Insurance Number or

Parent / Guardian National Asylum Seekers Number

Pupil name and Date of birth

Pupil's School/Year Group

If you need further support applying please speak to the office and we will be happy to complete the application form with you or on your behalf



Breakfast and After-school club

Following the positive responses received recently about our wraparound care, we would like to make more of you aware that we provide a **before school** Breakfast club and an **After-school** club Monday to Friday during term times for children aged 2+.

On Monday to Friday the breakfast club will be in the school hall, and will run from 7.50am – 8.45am each morning and will cost £3.00 per session. For those children eligible for Pupil Premium we can financially support this should you choose to. At 8.45am all children will then go directly into their classroom.

A choice of breakfast cereal, toast and drink will be provided for each child and a range of supervised activities will be set up for the children to participate in once they have had their breakfast.

On Monday to Thursday the after-school club will run from 3.15pm until 6.15pm and children will arrive directly from their classroom. Each afternoon club will cost £4.00 per hour. For those children eligible for Pupil Premium we can financially support this should you choose to.

On Fridays the after-school club will run from 3.15pm until 5.15pm and children will arrive directly from their classroom. This afternoon club will cost £4.00 per hour. For those children eligible for Pupil Premium we can financially support this should you choose to.

A choice of snacks will be provided in the afternoon club and a range of supervised activities will be set up for the children to participate in once they have had their breakfast.

PLEASE NOTE – Last day of term

To support our staff, I have taken the decision to not run the after-school club on the last day of each term. The dates are shown below, so please can I ask that you make alternative arrangements for these days.

Friday 22nd October 2021 – There will be no after-school club

Friday 17th December 2021 – There will be no after-school club

Friday 11th February 2022 – There will be no after-school club

Friday 01st April 2022 – There will be no after-school club

Friday 27th May 2022 – There will be no after-school club

Thursday 21st July 2022 – There will be no after-school club

All bookings must be made directly with the school and this can be for the whole term or week by week. There will be a limited number of places available and priority will be given to those parents who wish to access the club every day or who want a regular weekly booking. All remaining places, including 'one-off' bookings, will be available to book in advance also. If you require a place at either of these clubs please contact afterschoolclub@woodford.northants.sch.uk as soon as possible and every effort will be made to support you with this.

PLEASE NOTE – NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

I am really hoping that this wraparound care will be successful and continue to develop further next year. If you have any further questions about the club, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.



As we move into October, it presents us all with a great opportunity to reflect on a really positive start to the academic year. One area I am working closely with this term is the culture and working environment across our school. From a personal perspective, I am a parent myself, so I understand the importance of this. Our children face many challenges, stresses and barriers so I am very keen to make sure their working environment supports their learning.

On Wednesday 20th October 2021, we are holding our new Reception Open Evening, and we are looking forward to showing our upcoming students what a great school we are. This will give us a chance to share the wonderful work of our children and I cannot wait to welcome more families in to our school.

As has previously shared on our social media platforms (Twitter and Facebook) and I am sure you are all aware, it is important that your child is testing weekly using the Lateral Flow Tests and that we are informed immediately of a positive test. We ask that you do not send your child in if they are displaying any symptoms or if they have a positive test result. Please see the link below for further clarity and information around this. [Click here to open the link](#)

I would like to close by once again returning to my initial opening of this letter. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome here at this wonderful school and for also supporting it so positively. I speak on behalf of all the staff to say we are very much looking forward to the new academic year and the opportunities that this will bring with it.

Kind regards

Mr Lee Donovan
Principal