



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Opening thoughts

I am sharing with you the latest guidance updates that we must acknowledge as an education and childcare setting. Our offer of support will remain for all of our children and we will do all we can to minimise disruption to their education. Please take the time to read the guidance update below and support us as best as you can please. I have also shared some further information too about the wonderful things happening in our community, so please do take time to read this too. I wish you all a wonderful week and as always, we are here to support, so please do get in touch with us if you need to.

Important update to education and childcare settings and providers on Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK

I must stress that the new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant and the Department for Education will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings for staff, visitors and children in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. To support us with this, can we ask that any parents entering the school building wear a face mask. They are available at reception if you need any and if you have any issues or queries around this, do not hesitate to talk to us. **Our children do not need to wear a face mask**, however if you would rather they did, we are happy to support this. This guidance is under constant review, so we will monitor and keep you informed.

Café Church

Café Church will be re-starting again this week on **Sunday 5th December at 10.30am** at St Mary's Church, when there will be a range of activities for you to take part in and refreshments will be available too, so please support if possible. Some more dates for your diary are; St Mary's Carol Service which is **Sunday the 12th of December at 16.00pm** and then there will be a Crib Service on **Friday 24th December at 16.00pm**.

Collective Community Partnership

As I have previously stated 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 08th December 2021, 18.00pm start
Wednesday 09th February 2022, 18.00pm start
Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 18.00pm start
Wednesday 18th May 2022, 18.00pm start
Wednesday 13th July 2022, 18.00pm start

Monday, November 29, 2021



Our next Collective Community Partnership meeting is due to take place **Wednesday 08th December at 18.00pm**. This will give us all an opportunity to work together to look what is important to you and your child's education. We will focus primarily on curriculum planning for the future, so your input will be extremely valuable.

Parent View

Another request to see if you could support us by completing a quick survey which allows parents to give their views about their child's school. By 'parents', we mean any person with parental responsibility for a child at Woodford CE school.

All responses will be collated and used to see what is working well and for any areas of development to be addressed. **Please click here to open the online version of the survey.** A paper version of the survey is also available from reception should you wish to complete one that way.

Kind Regards

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