



## Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all members of the Woodford Primary School community. I hope that you had a brilliant summer break and that you and your children have been looking forward to the start of a new academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so enthusiastically and settle into their new classrooms this week. A special welcome to our new Pre-School cohort and all our new families joining Reception. Each and every room has been filled with laughter, smiles and an eagerness to learn and the whole team are excited for what our third year holds!

It is wonderful to welcome Mrs Calthorpe to the Woodford Primary School team as Assistant Head. Mrs Calthorpe will be working at Woodford on a Thursday and Friday and I know everyone will give her a warm welcome.

Mrs Drake, Head of School

## Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome Miss Naden, Miss Tweedy, Miss Kellett & Mr Pheiffer to the Woodford staff team and a warm welcome back to Mrs Hooker who joins us again from Gorsey Bank.

## Allergy Aware

Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school and do we all can for the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep pupils at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

We have pupils in school who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to **dairy** and **nuts**. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating, changing clothes that have any dairy spilt on them and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. Thank you for all your support.

## Social Media



We always enjoy sharing what we do in school with our school community. One of the ways that we will do this is through our social media posts on Instagram. We have taken the decision to restrict access to our School Instagram account so that only those users pre-approved by the school can view posts. To help us verify the identify of the users who request to follow our account, we would ask you to click on the below link and complete with your own details

**[Request to follow your child's class feed.](#)**

## School Day Timings

Our school day timings are 8:45am - 3.15pm. In order to maximise valuable learning time, lessons will begin straight after drop off so we strongly advise parents/carers to make every effort to get their children into school as promptly as possible. The school gates will be locked at 8.50am and children arriving later than this will be marked late if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

## Medication

If your child has medication that may need to be administered during the school day, please hand this in at the School Office. Only prescribed medications are permitted in school. Under no

## Flu Nasal Vaccination Spray

The annual flu nasal vaccination spray is offered to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in school and take place on **Thursday 19th September**. If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination in school, please complete the **Withdrawal of Consent** form attached.

## Contacting our School Office

Should you need to get in touch with school, please email [admin@woodfordprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@woodfordprimary.org.uk) or call 0161 549 7100. If you wish to notify us of a change in collection arrangements, you can either email before 12pm or call if after 12pm so that this message can be shared with Class Teachers/Kids Club. Please note the school office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm.