

Care Provision at school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been providing care provision throughout the crisis for key workers, whilst they were at work. The rules changed about accessing care provision on Monday 1st June, so key worker children, vulnerable children and those with EHCPs can now attend even if mum and dad are not at work.

As the care provision changed along with wider opening to certain year groups, you may have queries about the different types of provision now at school. If you have any queries after reading this, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

What is care provision and what do the children do at care provision?

During the full lockdown, care provision was essentially childcare for children of working key workers. Now that more year groups are joining the school, our care provision looks more like a normal school day so that children have a good routine and are accessing education when they are with us. Children are doing spelling and maths activities, topic related activities, art, etc and are using the outside spaces a lot too.

What is a 'bubble'?

A bubble just means a group of children who stay separate from other groups of children. Each bubble has its own entrance and exit; its own room, staff, resources and outside spaces. By not meeting and sharing resources with other bubbles, the risk of transmitting Covid-19 is reduced.

Who is it for?

Care provision is for still just for children of key workers, vulnerable children and children with EHCPs. If your child is in pre-school, reception or year one they are in with their class bubbles; if they are in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 they are in a different bubble.

Where is the care provision bubble at Woodside?

Our care provision bubble is in the hall for children from Y2 to Y6. As the Y2-6 bubble grows, it will split into smaller bubbles and the Y3/4 class can be used too at that point.

What does the hall look like now?

The hall is used all day just by the care provision bubble. It looks like a really big classroom now with a separate table for each child, tray units and resources. The laptop and projector are used daily and the children's art work is displayed on the boards in there. They use the storage areas for their lunches and drinks and children have a tray each, with their own set of stationary and their own ipad. There are social distancing markings on the floor and in the corridor, as that is now one way. There are hand sanitising dispensers and colourful posters about hygiene reminders. All bubbles have their own cleaning baskets, which staff use frequently.

Which staff are in the care provision bubble?

Mrs A Cotterell, Miss L Brain, Mrs M Carpenter and Mrs L James look after the care provision children. Mr Wilkins from Prostars comes one afternoon a week too.

What about food and drink?

Most children are bringing their own packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the day. Your child can order a packed lunch (baguette etc) from Caterlink at school from Mon 15th June if you want them to.

What else does my child need to bring?

Make sure your child has enough warm layers as even on warm days it can be cool inside due to keeping the school well-ventilated. In sunny weather, children will need a hat/cap and wear sun cream. We have an information booklet and home-school agreement on the website, so please look at those.

Infection Transmission Control Protocol

As per the advice from the government, the following actions for infection control remain in place:

- Displaying coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap in the following circumstances:
 - Before leaving home
 - On arrival at school
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before food preparation
 - Before eating any food, including snacks
 - Before leaving school
- Ensuring hand sanitising dispensers throughout the school
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual
- Calling NHS 111 if someone becomes unwell, isolating any unwell people in a separate room, and providing a separate bathroom, where possible
- Telling staff to stay at home for seven days if they develop symptoms of coronavirus
- If one child in a group/'bubble' is tested positive, the whole group will need to isolate for 14 days
- Children will be encouraged to socially distance in enclosed spaces and will be seated at separate tables (depending on ages). Please do not expect children to be 2 metres apart from each other at all times.
- Keeping groups below 15 (and we intend to keep groups below 10 for our youngest children)