



November 2020

Dear parent/carers/student

I hope that you are all safe and well and that half term was a good break. I wanted to thank you for your cooperation last half term in getting the students back into school safely and adapting to our new ways of working. As you can imagine it has been a busy time for staff and students and your patience and cooperation has been very much appreciated.

Parking and Road Safety

We would like to remind all parents/carers to please respect our neighbours by not parking or collecting your children from St. Paul's Rd, Sparrow Close, or the surrounding area. Please note that the LA have been contacted in order for traffic cameras to be in operation on St. Paul's Rd. It is essential that we avoid traffic congestion on St. Paul's Rd - traffic problems are a nuisance to our neighbours and pose a real health and safety risk to our children. A particular problem for our students are when cars park on the pavement. This then forces students in to the road. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

COVID Update

Over the last half term we had a total of 12 positive cases in school which have all been categorised as isolated instances in other words there has been no outbreak of COVID in school and no other student or member of staff as far as we are aware has contracted the virus from students or staff in school. As the infection rate in the country and local area continues to rise we will need to continue to be vigilant with the safety measures that we have in school. Please could I remind you that all students need to bring a face covering in to school, along with their own hand sanitiser and tissues. Students that do not bring in a face covering will be issued with a school detention as per my letter sent on 10th September 2020.

It seems to be an appropriate time to remind you that students **MUST NOT** attend school if they or any of the household shows any of the COVID-19 symptoms and parents should ensure that the household follows the NHS guidance on self-isolation.

If your child does develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time, all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available. If the result is positive please inform the school by emailing the following address covidresults@woodgreenacademy.co.uk as soon as possible with the following information:

- Student name
- Year group
- When they developed symptoms
- Date of the test

- What symptoms they had
- When they were last in school
- How they travel to school

Learning Hub

We just wanted to let you know that we have set up a Scholastic Book Club.

If you are thinking of buying books, maybe preparing for Christmas presents, please think about going through our link...

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/digital-book-club>

For every £1 that is spent by you, the library gets 20p, which means new books that we can lend to the students! Anything would help.

Also, we have had many books donated to us in the past by members of staff, but we wanted to promote that we're still accepting donations from you and the students. We have already had 116 book donations this half term which is amazing, and we'd love to keep this going!

Mobile Phones and School Rules

Unhelpfully, over last half term we have had a small handful of parents that have asked us to change the school rules for their child. We are not able to do this. As has been explained on these occasions we will not change the school rules just for your child. Part of the reason why the behaviour is outstanding at Wood Green is because we have high expectations and are a strict school where the rules are applied consistently.

As the behaviour policy states: It is assumed that **all parents whose children enter Wood Green Academy are prepared to accept these sanctions** and to support the staff in maintaining high standards of discipline and respect for others. We aim to keep parents informed about progress and successes: where problems arise we want to involve them in ensuring there isn't a repeat of the issue.

Our behaviour policy is available on our website in the PARENTS – POLICIES – PASTORAL section and the direct link is

https://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk/?wpfb_dl=1628

One of our rules is that we do not allow pupils to bring mobile phones into school. For clarity, students in years 7 – 11 should not bring mobile phones onto the school site. If students are found to be in possession of a mobile phone it will be confiscated and placed in the school safe. Mobile phones confiscated on a Monday or Tuesday will be held in the school safe until the end of the school week where they can only be collected by parents/carers between 3.00-3.30pm (in the event of school finishing at 12.20pm, phones due to be collected, can be picked up between 12.20 and 12.50pm.). Phones confiscated on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday will be confiscated until the end of the following school week

where they can only be collected by parents/carers between 3.00-3.30pm. If, however, the return of the mobile phone falls in a school holiday, the phone can be collected on the first day back to school by parents/carers, between 4 - 4.30pm with the exception of the summer holiday, in which case the phone can be collected by parents/carers on the first Friday of the holidays between 3-3.30pm. **So if a phone is confiscated on Wed 16th Dec, Thurs 17th Dec or Fri 18th Dec it will not be returned until TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021 (between 4 – 4.30pm) as per our policy. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS.**

I hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and thank you for the support that you have shown this year.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Topham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr J Topham
Headteacher