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## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Online School Guides
- Free School Meal Schemes
- Ideas to Keep Busy Over Easter

## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:  
**@WPS\_Success**

## NHS Advice

**Coronavirus**  
Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or go to work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**GOVERNMENT PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS**

## NHS Advice

**CATCH IT**  
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

**BIN IT**  
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

**KILL IT**  
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

**NHS**

## Message from the Headteacher

I hope that you are all keeping fit and well, as best you can, during the lockdown. Can I remind you that we always have people in the school office and a member of senior staff onsite, so if you ever need any help please call 02089593244 and we will do our best to be of assistance.

We do not know how long this lockdown will last. But the government has produced some detailed information about school closures. This can be found at the link below (you can also go to the school website News section).

[Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers](#)

## Woodcroft Online School

Well done everyone for adapting so well to our virtual school at **Woodcroft Online!** It has been a learning experience for everyone, but you should now be very familiar with our virtual school powered by Google Classroom. It is essential that parents continue to support their children with school work at home.

### Our Expectations

Pupils are expected to log on and engage with their Google Classroom in the virtual school **every day** unless they are ill. The school monitors all activity online. If your child is ill for more than one day and unable to engage with their google classroom we would like you to notify the school office by telephone or leave an absence message on the answer machine – just like normal school if they were not going to attend.

If a pupil is not engaging with their online classroom for more than 2 days without any notification then a senior staff member will contact you to check everything is ok. Put simply ...

Day 1: Pupils are expected to log on every day (Mon – Fri)

Day 2: Parents must notify the school if their child is ill or unable to do school work

Day 3: If we have not received any notice from a parent then the school will contact you to check if all is ok.

## Easter Holiday - No Online School for 2 weeks!

Teachers will not be posting daily learning tasks over the traditional Easter holiday period. Children can still log on and finish tasks which they have not completed, but we do not expect daily interaction and log in for the next two weeks.



Pupils will receive their Easter Brain Builder activities over the holiday. These can be found by clicking the Smarthomework logo when logged into the Woodcroft Website.

Our Online School Team has also produced a guide to help you keep children busy over the Easter break. There's a list of useful activities and some links to inspiring websites.



**Woodcroft Online School starts again on 20th April**



## Free School Meals

We have been working closely with our catering team to ensure that the school continues to distribute Free School Meals to those that are eligible right from day one of school closures!

### Improved Food Parcel Service Option

Last week we launched our **Food Parcel Service**. Eligible families are able to order parcels of essential food items to use to cook their own tasty lunches at home. We are now able to deliver food packages to those that cannot collect from school themselves. For instance if you are unwell or self isolating due to underlying conditions. After the feedback this week, ISS will be improving the selection of items in the next parcels.

Typical parcel Items per child*	 <p>*food items are subject to change each week depending on availability</p>
Jacket potatoes peppers & carrots	
Tin baked bean & tin chopped tomatoes	
Bag of pasta and tinned tuna	
Fresh fruit	
Cheese portions and yogurt	
Bread Loaf	
Spreads	

### NEW Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Option

*Weekly shopping vouchers worth £15 to spend at supermarkets will be sent to your smartphone!*



Department  
for Education

**Children eligible for free school meals** can now also benefit from a national voucher scheme. Woodcroft can now provide every eligible child who does not order a food parcel with a weekly shopping voucher while schools are closed due to coronavirus. (Note: Food parcels for collection or delivery will also continue as an option). This scheme will allow Woodcroft to provide vouchers to families electronically. The vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and M&S (more shops joining soon).

#### What if I have phone problems or home Internet issues?

If you do not own a smartphone or have internet problems at home please let the school know so we can arrange for a gift card to be printed and collected.

#### Did you receive the texts?

Texts were sent to qualifying families this morning with information about the voucher scheme.

***If you qualify for free school meals, but DID NOT receive a text please contact the school office immediately so that we can check our records.***

#### Do you now qualify for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be eligible, please check your status on the government website and then call the school office as soon as possible:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We will then arrange for you to provide your evidence so that you can begin to receive one of our free food or voucher offers.

**\*Please note:** eligibility for Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals given to every KS1 and Reception pupil. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to claim your voucher.

## Key Worker Hub Provision

Woodcroft remains open as a Hub Provision for pupils whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 national response (i.e. essential Key Workers). We are currently looking after up to 20 pupils per day that cannot safely be cared for at home. This offer is vital to our national fight against the virus, but strict systems are in place to maintain everyone's safety and minimise the risks. Temperatures are checked regularly, no equipment is shared and children have their own individual work stations!

### Woodcroft Key Worker Easter Hub



Over the Easter period our hub provision is going to be supported by coaches from Foundation Sport. They are organising a range of sport and craft activities to keep the children of our key workers busy and occupied while their parents do vital work.

Rest assured - they will be Woodcroft staff on duty all week, including a member of senior management every day, to ensure safety and hygiene standards are followed.

There will not be any hub provision on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

## Nursery Places for September 2020

### 30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



Despite the school being closed, it is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2020. A few places still remain! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register.

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2020.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

## Facebook Community for the Parents and Carers of WPS



A private Facebook Group has been created called **Parents and Carers of WPS**. This group is for our Woodcroft community to come together and stay in touch during this difficult time in lockdown. **Use the following link to join ...**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2695603954008864>

This group is approved and supported by the school, but it will not be run by school staff. The purpose of this group is to provide a supportive and positive online community for parents and carers of the pupils at Woodcroft Primary School.

To qualify for the group you will need to care for a current pupil at the school and agree to our group rules. Posts and comments will always be moderated, and the administrators have the right to remove anything unsuitable. You will always be asked to **\*\*Think before you post\*\***, and to remember that all posts will be visible to all members of the group. The group will be a **closed group** but please be careful about what information or photos you are posting. Strict school safeguarding rules will always apply.

We hope that you will all get involved as we try to support the school, our children and each other to get through these unprecedented challenges!

Search for the group "**Parents and Carers of WPS**" and get involved.

*From the WPS Facebook Admin Team*

**WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# WAYS TO KEEP BUSY OVER EASTER



PLAY A GAME



CREATE SOME ART



BAKE A CAKE



READ A BOOK OR  
WRITE A STORY



TRY AN EXPERIMENT



KEEP FIT

**TOGETHER TOWARDS SUCCESS**



### Recipe ideas

Iced fairy cakes

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/iced-fairy-cakes>

Easter chocolate cake

<https://www.janespatisserie.com/2018/03/05/easter-chocolate-cake/>

Best ever chocolate brownies

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/best-ever-chocolate-brownies-recipe>

Chocolate cookies

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/cookie>

### Experiment ideas

Make an exploding volcano!

<https://sciencebob.com/fantastic-foamy-fountain/>

Make lava in a cup!

<https://sciencebob.com/try-some-lava-in-a-cup/>

Colour flowers

<https://sciencebob.com/color-flowers-using-science/>

Make fake snot!

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/fakesnot.html>

### Activity village

- printable colouring sheets, word searches and puzzles

- arts and crafts ideas

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

### Fitness

Supermovers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Joe Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

### Other ideas

Use pobble 365 to write a story - [www.pobble365.com](http://www.pobble365.com)

Create an easter bonnet

Decorate a boiled egg

Plan an easter egg hunt

Design a treasure map