

Dear Woolmore Families,

Summer term 2 update in times of Coronavirus

Half-term break

I hope that everyone was able to have a pleasant half term. I know that many of you celebrated Eid – somewhat differently this year – and it was delightful to see some of your celebration photos on Twitter. Thank you also for your kind responses to my own video message. After more than 30 years in Tower Hamlets and 23 of them at Woolmore it felt very strange for me not to be part of the community during this time.

This half term

Here we are at the start of the second half of the summer term. You will be aware that the government have asked schools to open further to some pupils in certain year groups during this term. At Woolmore our approach is to do this carefully, thoughtfully and as safely as we possibly can.

When will we open further to more children?

We have read the letter from the mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs, who supports the widely held feeling in the borough that we should take things slowly. Therefore our gradual reopening will not start until **Monday 15th June**. This is later than some schools but we feel that it is right for us and for you.

Here is our plan – which is subject to change dependent on pandemic guidance

Date	The Plan
Now and continuing	Our group for children of key workers, and for those who need it.
Week beginning 15 th June	Year 6 are invited to return to school; details to follow. Some children with EHC plans will be invited to join us.
Week beginning 22 nd June	Year 1 are invited to return to school; details to follow. During this week we will make a decision about return for Early Years Children.

Do I have to send my child back to school if invited?

The answer to this is “No”. The decision is up to you and we will respect what you decide. There will be no fines for non-attendance, and we will be continuing to support home learning. Your child’s teacher will aim to find out what you are thinking about returning to school and we feel that you will probably be in one of three categories:

1. Very keen to return and planning to be there
2. Unsure at the moment and want to find out more
3. Would rather wait until September

It is your choice and we will support you in whatever you decide.

Letter to parents from the Headteacher ♦ 8 June 2020



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Will it be safe?

At the moment the Woolmore Team are working hard to implement our thorough and detailed Risk Assessment and Plan so that we make the building and our organisation of people as safe as possible. We will be sharing our plan with parents.

Take care

And finally:

- Thank you for all that you are doing to care for and support your children and our school.
- Please keep checking and posting to Twitter, it's great fun to see what you're up to.
- Please use our new Covid website and enjoy the stories, songs, keep fit, online learning and information and support for parents. <https://www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk/>
- Please ensure that your child / children are reading every single day (The Woolmore Way!)
- Keep safe and know that we will enjoy seeing each other when the time is right.
- We miss you all very much. Take care and keep in touch.

Ms Argent
Headteacher