



Woodbury C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome from the new Executive Headteacher – Mrs Rachael Saim

I would like to welcome you all back to Woodbury school for a new academic year. I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the summer holidays and are refreshed and ready for what promises to be a really great year for our Woodbury pupils.

It is with great enthusiasm that I officially take over from Mrs Lane, the previous Executive Head for Woodbury school within the Cedar Tree Federation. Mrs Lane semi-retired at the end of the summer and we wish her all the very best and thank her, for the huge contribution she made to Woodbury school over the last few years. My family and I relocated to the South West over the summer from West London. Although I am originally from Cornwall, I have been living and working in West London for many years; most recently as Headteacher of a primary school in Hounslow.

Covid Safety Measures

I am sure all parents are aware that we are currently experiencing very high Covid infection rates across the South West. This has resulted in Public Health England classing the whole of Devon an “Enhanced Response Area.” This means that Devon County Council are supporting school leaders in ensuring that we keep all children, staff and families safe when we come to school each day and I personally welcome that measure of support. I would like to reassure you all that at Woodbury school, we are fully adhering to the most recent DFE Covid school guidance, ensuring Covid safe practices are in operation at school as a priority, so that all children can safely enjoy their learning and flourish.

Miss Pyle and I have been working behind the scenes in the last week, to ensure that the school’s Covid Risk Assessment has also been updated for this term. Miss Pyle will be sending a letter to all parents to explain what the enhanced health and safety measures will look like in the school and classrooms at Woodbury. If you do have any concerns about your children returning to school, please do ask to speak to the class teacher, Miss Pyle or myself.

As I am new to the Woodbury community, I am very keen to meet as many parents and children as possible over the coming days and weeks. Please do come and introduce yourselves and your children to me in the mornings or at the end of the school day.

My vision for Woodbury school this academic year, is to restore all children’s learning as fully as possible allowing our children to “live life to its fullest” at school. Currently, we must persevere once again with the recent challenges that Covid presents us, but I am confident that things will improve over time and that this school year will be a very great one for all Woodbury children.

I really look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

Kind regards

Mrs R Saim
Executive Headteacher
Cedar Tree Federation



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