

**Confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Urgent: Coronavirus - Closure of Woodpecker Hall from tomorrow- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

I am writing to all our families today to inform you that 4 members of staff have tested positive for the coronavirus and a further 7 need to self-isolate.

We have taken advice from Public Health England (PHE) this morning and have reluctantly made the decision to close the school. With 11 members of staff having to self-isolate and are now not able to attend the school for two weeks, we cannot operate the school.

Today, I am also sending home Year 3 and Year 6 as the newly infected adults have had contact with these year groups. We are separately contacting the families of any children in classes that have been in close contact with the affected staff members.

**As of tomorrow, Thursday, 12 November, the whole school will be shut and then reopen on Thursday 26 November. Please note we will not be open to the children of key workers.**

**Home Learning**

For the next 14 days your child's teacher will be working from home too. Your child will be expected to continue to learn from home every day and your child's learning will be posted onto DB primary daily.

The class teacher will be monitoring the work online and will get in touch with your child by phone or Zoom at least twice a week for a catch up.

Those children that needed devices have been given one in order to complete their daily work.

***These devices must be brought back when we return to school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.***

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged [here](#) or by calling 119 .

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection and where these are observed seek a test.

The common symptoms of recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, arrange to have a test as soon as possible, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell.

All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 [here](#).

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found [here](#).

### **Precautions**

- There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- When you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

I am very sorry that I have been forced to take this action. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the school office on the numbers at the start of the letter.

Kind Regards,

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