

Monday 13th December 2021

Move to Remote Learning

Dear Parent/Carer,

Urgent: Coronavirus - Closure of Woodpecker Hall from tomorrow- Tuesday 14th December 2021

I am writing to all our families today to inform you that we currently have 26 members of staff off due to Covid-19 or related issues, with the numbers rising each day.

Across the school we have 16 positive cases of Covid, some of which are the Omicron variant. We also have a further 11 children currently isolating and waiting for the outcome of a PCR test.

Due to these staff shortages and the sharp rise in Covid-19 cases, within the last week, we have taken the difficult decision to close Woodpecker Hall and move to remote learning for the last few days of the autumn term.

I have been working with Public Health Enfield (PHE) over the past week to minimise the onward spread of the virus. However, the Trust's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and I believe that the safest option for everyone is to move to remote learning from tomorrow, Tuesday 14th December for the final three and a half days.

As of tomorrow, Tuesday 14th December, the whole school will be shut and will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Please note we will not be open to the children of key workers.

Y1-Y6 Remote Learning

For the next 3 ½ 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.

The class will be registered each morning at 9 am and all children will be expected to attend. The TEAMS link will be posted onto the home page of DB Primary for each class.

Nursery and Reception Remote Learning

Please log in to your Tapestry account where the staff will have uploaded some practical learning activities for your children to complete over the next few days.

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.

1. Book a PCR test if you/ your child is unwell in any way
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>
2. Make sure you and your children do LFT tests at least twice a week. Tests can be picked up in pharmacies or ordered to your home address on the link above.
3. Adults - Get your COVID vaccination if you haven't done so already
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

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 have any queries about this letter, please contact the school office on the number at the start of the letter.

Kind Regards,

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