

Woodmansey CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I appreciate that following the government's revised advice there are some of you who will need to follow self-isolation procedures. This decision is to be made according to the advice from Public Health England. The symptoms are a persistent new cough and/or a high temperature.

Guidance is available here on what the government classes as underlying conditions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Once you have informed the school that your household is self-isolating, your child cannot return to school until 14 days from the first date of absence. It is not possible to change your mind. If a child is self-isolating because of another household member but then develops the symptoms, then the self-isolation of that individual is then seven days from the start of the symptoms. Once a parent has informed the school that a child is to be kept at home through self-isolation, there is no need to telephone every day, through that period.

Regarding providing work at home, our planning at the moment is focusing on our ability to maintain continuity of learning for all our students in school, where we have staff shortages, and in the circumstance of the school closing. However, we are holding meetings at which we are discussing provision and how we will support long term absence in the future. As you are aware, we have systems in place for setting homework and we aim to enhance these. Notably for Y6 students we have a lot of systems in place for supporting work at home which will be sent out in the event of a school closure.

In the meantime, therefore, if your child is self-isolating, please focus on the homework pack and the activities contained within. There are also the pupil's log ins (which will be sent home for parents in due course as a reminder) for various Apps and a plethora of on-line learning sites including the BBC and of course we encourage as much reading as possible. Please see the 'Learning Online' section on the school website for website links.

Regarding staff absences, the school staff all have families themselves and are too needing to follow advice to self-isolate, should a member of their household display any of the symptoms. We are supporting our staff to take these precautionary measures, but I aim to provide cover to support the continuity of learning for children for as long as possible.

As always, we will do everything possible to support our children and their families through these difficult and uncertain times.



Best Wishes,

Mr. M Lancaster

Mrs. B Nicholls

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