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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to thank you for your support during our reopening phase. It has been lovely to welcome back all learners to Wootton Park School in our brand new building. Learners have embraced our protective measures, their new environment and are engaging well with learning.

As previously communicated, all reopening information, including details regarding face coverings for secondary learners, behaviour expectations, wellbeing support and a FAQ sheet can be found here <https://www.woottonparkschool.org.uk/reopening-information>

Reminder of government guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they **must not** come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms should arrange for a test and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms whilst in school you will be required to collect them (and any siblings that are in your household). Anyone with symptoms should arrange for a test.

What to do if a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child/ren must remain at home and the symptomatic person should arrange for a COVID-19 test. You must follow household isolation guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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What if your child tests positive for COVID-19

- Contact school as soon as possible by phone or by emailing info@woottonparkschool.org.uk. This email address will be monitored out of school hours too.
- Your child must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms first started. If they feel better and no longer have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste- they can return to their normal routine.
- Household members must stay home for 14 days from the day your child first became ill or when the test was taken.
- If anyone in the household becomes unwell during the 14-day period, they should arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.
- If their test result is positive, they need to follow the same advice for people with COVID-19 symptoms – that is, after 10 days of their symptoms starting, if they feel better and no longer have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell or taste – they can also return to their normal routine. However, if their test result is negative, they need to continue with isolation as part of the household for the full 14 days.

Contacts of a person who has had a positive test result for COVID-19

'Close contacts' of a confirmed case of COVID-19 are identified based on proximity and time spent in close contact to the person that has tested positive. If you are contacted by the school or NHS test and trace to inform you that your child needs to isolate for 14 days, there is no need for the rest of your household to isolate unless someone in the household develops symptoms.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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
- maintain social distancing
- wear face coverings where required

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email at info@woottonparkschool.org.uk.

To limit the number of visitors to school, we ask that parents/carers do not come to the school office unless invited for an essential pre-arranged meeting or in an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support and welcome to a new academic year!

Kind regards



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