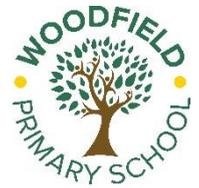




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Monday, 14 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying how brilliant the children have been at coming back into school. It has been so great to see them all back, and (as I knew they would) they have all responded extremely well to all the new routines and arrangements. A special mention must go to all our new Nursery and Reception children who have managed this whole thing calmly and sensibly and have been a credit to you all.

It feels almost like 'normal' school now. The children have been working hard this week and I have managed to get round to see what they have all been up to. It is important that we maintain our expectation of the children and, despite all the changes, we are going to make sure we are challenging all our children to improve in all areas of their school life.

There are, though, aspects of this term that are not normal and we need to be clear about what we do in certain circumstances. If you or your child displays **any** of the following they (and your household) **must** isolate for 14 days and apply to have the children tested: a temperature of 37.8C or above, a new persistent cough and/or loss of smell and taste. We will need to see evidence of their test results, as this will determine what happens in school. Schools across Wolverhampton are already sending year groups home to isolate and I am sure it is a matter of time before it happens here. We are relying on you to communicate with us about how your children are. If your child displays these symptoms in school, we will send them home and ask that you obtain a test for the child. We will, again, need to know the results as soon as possible.

What happens if there is a positive test result for Coronavirus in the school?

- If a child or member of staff receives a positive test result, then that class bubble may have to close for up to 14 days based on advice from the Health Protection Team.
- We will notify you about bubble closure as soon as we can by text and email.
- Remote education plans will be in place via Purple Mash for Y1 to Y6 during the period of quarantine. This is likely to be in the form of a weekly overview for example with online links resources. Information to follow as needed.
- Members of staff that have been in close contact with that class bubble will also have to self-isolate, which could affect staffing in another class. We will let you know if another bubble is significantly affected.
- Individuals that have tested positive will never be named in any correspondence.
- Unfortunately, we can not keep bikes and scooters in school.

Unfortunately this level of vigilance also extends to our staff and we are already having to cope with staff shortages. We are trying to keep year groups of staff together, but this will prove increasingly difficult as time goes on.

Finally, if you have any school reading books, could you **please** return them to school; we have lots missing!

Thank you again for your patience and understanding, and let me know if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
Headteacher