

PARENT / CARER INFORMATION

Coronavirus - Woodcroft Phased Response Strategy

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Woodcroft is operating a phased response to the escalating coronavirus pandemic. **The school is currently OPEN.** We are following Government advice regarding any decision to close.

Attendance: we have **63 pupils who are absent** (not including nursery)

We have been notified that the school currently has **16 pupils in self isolation** from the following year groups: Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. A number of other pupils are self-isolating because of the risks of underlying medical conditions but are not exhibiting symptoms.

Please note: if pupils are absent due to self-isolation this will be authorised.

Pupil Safety

We are employing a range of strict measures to ensure children and adults are safe in school. These fall into two categories:

1. Hygiene
2. Social Distancing

From Tuesday 17th March we shall escalate these measures to Phase 3:

Hygiene:

- Increased regular handwashing
- Children will be supervised washing hands as soon as they arrive in school (after taking off coats, before entering class). We use paper towels in classrooms to limit aerosol transmission.
- Extended school cleaning regime to ensure push surfaces and handles are included.
- We will enforce a **7 day extended absence from school** following any illness
- We will improve classroom ventilation by leaving windows and doors open. Teachers will limit the sharing of equipment

Social Distancing:

- We are limiting classroom movement i.e. changing places / restricting group activities. Pupils will be seated apart where possible and teachers will limit or avoid grouping children together
- All assemblies and groups larger than one class will cease
- Staggered lunchtime sittings with pupils eating packed lunches in a classroom supervised by teachers to allow more space in the dining hall. We will also monitor and advise pupils about unsuitable playground games
- Limit close contact between adults and pupils in school; enforcing appropriate distances during interaction. We have also suspended intervention groups and activities.
- We aim to limit opportunities for virus spread on equipment / books
 - Do not mark books (provide verbal feedback instead)
 - Children keep as much personal equipment and books in personal trays.
- We have cancelled all non essential school events and meetings. The following will **NOT** take place:
 - Cancelled Parents Evenings
 - Cancelled Sport Matches
 - Cancelled School Trips

- Cancelled School performances to families
- EYFS Workshop to parents postponed
- Easter Parades to parents
- Little Oaks suspended until further notice
- Clubs run by school staff are now suspended until further notice (Acorns and clubs that are charged and run by external coaches will continue to run until further notice).



Stay at home: guidance for people with confirmed or possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

Symptoms

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Main messages

- **if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started.**
- this action will help protect others in your community while you are infectious
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you get the things you need to stay at home
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home if possible
- sleep alone, if possible
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as much as possible
- **you do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999**

More information on our school website or visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>