



WOODTHORPE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly I wanted to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you for your amazing support. Whilst returning to school has been challenging, your help has made it so much easier.

The children all appear pleased to be back in school and are following a routine which both prioritises safety and addresses their educational needs. I have to say, in many cases the children have clearly remembered a lot of what they were taught prior to lockdown so your efforts in supporting home learning have been highly effective. We obviously have some brilliant teachers out there! Again, thank you!

In order to continue to move forward together I just wanted to point out a couple of ways you can continue to help. Please note, all these recommendations are in line with current government guidelines, all of which are available for you to read online.

Bringing my child to school

- Please bring your child to school at the designated time – try not be too early or too late
- If it's a PE day, please send your child to school in their PE kit
- Once you have dropped your child, please leave the school premises promptly
- At all times maintain social distancing
- If you need to speak to a member of school staff, please call the office and this will be arranged



What should I do if my child is ill?

- As usual if your child is too ill to attend, please call the school office to inform us as soon as possible
- If your child is showing symptoms of COVID – 19 DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL –

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What should I do if my child or someone in my family is displaying symptoms?

- If you, or anyone in your family develops any of the symptoms above you should isolate, preventing contact with anyone outside your household
- You should then arrange a test, this can be arranged by calling 119 or following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

- If the test is positive, you must isolate for 10 days from receiving the result
- Anyone in your household must isolate for 14 days. If they develop symptoms, they should arrange a test

What we will do in school

We have taken many measures to prevent an outbreak:

- children are all kept in a protective bubble throughout the day
- handwashing is practiced regularly
- a cleaning team are on site throughout the day



If we do have a **confirmed** case of COVID – 19 we will

- Contact Public Health and take advice
- Inform all parents
- Instruct the parents of children who have been in contact with the confirmed case as to what the next steps will be – this may be to isolate for 14 days (only for those who have had direct and prolonged contact with the confirmed case)
- Any children who are asked to isolate will be provided with learning during this period

There are many sources of information available. May I urge you to read these and steer clear of uninformed rumour? This often causes unnecessary anxiety and confusion.

Communication from school comes directly from the Woodthorpe App, the website, via letter or phone call and by no other means. The link below is also a reliable source of information which will help us all to follow guidance safely.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Once again may I thank you all for your support. Despite these challenging times it is always a privilege to work with your wonderful children. All of the staff feel very lucky to work with such an amazing group!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Stay Safe,

Dave Smith - Headteacher