



# WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Coronavirus Update

Following the Prime Minister's announcements last night, I felt I should clarify our position. School remains open.

Students who are showing the key symptoms of a persistent dry cough and/or temperature are being sent home promptly. Where they have siblings in school, we are also sending them home. Please can parents and carers make sure they have someone on standby to collect their children should it be necessary.

You should keep your child off school if:

- They have a new continuous cough or high temperature
- If they have an underlying health condition which makes them vulnerable
- If anyone else in your household is displaying symptoms or has an increased vulnerability. The whole family self-isolation period is 14 days from the date of the first appearance of symptoms in a family member. Absence relating to isolation is coded differently to absence relating to illness.

The new self-isolation requirement for families does mean our situation could change very quickly as staff and their families are affected. That change in circumstance, could cause us to arrange a partial closure and in the worst case a full closure. If this happens, we will communicate this important information by text, email, website and social media. You should make sure you have your details up to date with school and can receive one of those forms of communication. We aim to remain open for Year 11 students and the youngest students for as long as possible.

In response to the advice about social gatherings, I have cancelled assemblies, all trips, parents' evenings and all lettings for the coming weeks. This includes the suspension of all DofE activities from tomorrow including the physical skill and volunteering sections.

I will not be planning to create super large groups or increase class sizes.

If your child is ill or self-isolating and they are well enough, we would like them to complete school work. We have asked teachers wherever possible to put the day's lesson content or at least the key topic on Go 4 Schools by the end of the day. Students should log in around 5pm to check. Alternatively, direct your child to the Homework page of the School Website where useful links for learning, as well as support with logging in are provided.



If central government announces a closure, we will issue a further letter. This will detail how to access longer home working tasks; arrangements for Year 11 students to get support; key workers allocated to vulnerable and SEND students; and plans to provide support for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals, should they need it.

Finally, students and families who are isolated or ill may understandably feel downhearted or anxious. Please visit our Health and Wellbeing page on our website under the parents tab. You will find information about organisations who might be able to help. Any safeguarding concerns can be reported to a Designated Safeguarding Lead through the school website via 'Contact us'. This is monitored daily.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



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