



WOODFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - LOOKING AFTER OUR PUPILS & STAFF

Following the letter we sent last week dated 13th March 2020, I would like to update you regarding the current Coronavirus situation and how it is affecting us at Woodfield.

We are continuing to follow the daily advice and guidance given by the Local Authority, Government and Public Health England (PHE) and are committed to following all recommendations. Following Government updated advice given yesterday, we are now requesting that any pupils or staff who display symptoms of Coronavirus infection (COVID-19) however mild, stay at home for **14 days** from when the symptoms started. After 14 days, if they feel better and no longer have a high temperature and/or continuous cough, they can return to their normal routine.

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

- A new continuous cough (currently defined as 'you have started coughing repeatedly') and/or
- High temperature (currently defined as being over 37.8C)

Following updated advice yesterday we are also now requesting that any member of staff or pupil self-isolate for **14 days** if they are living in a household with someone who is displaying symptoms and therefore self-isolating.

At present, we continue not to have any confirmed or suspected cases of Coronavirus amongst our staff or pupils. If this changes we will take immediate action following advice from the Local Authority, Government and Public Health England. We do however have a significant number of staff and pupils who are self-isolating. We are continually assessing the situation in school to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. If staff absence continues to rise, it may be necessary for us to close classes or the whole school. If this is the case we will try to give you as much notice as possible. If, in order to delay the spread of the virus and push it later in the year, the Government chooses to put school closures in place, we will let you know as soon as we are made aware.

It is really important that you let us know if your child, or any of your family, is suspected or confirmed as having Coronavirus, and that they do not attend school. It is also important for us to know if your child, or any of your immediate family, has been in contact with anyone with Coronavirus. Please share this information with us via the school office or in a note placed in an envelope marked for the attention of the Headteacher.

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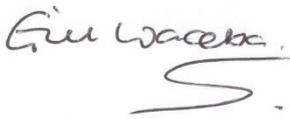
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If you choose to keep your child off school because of the risk of the current Coronavirus situation please be assured that you will not be penalised for their non-attendance.

As I am sure you are all aware we are in a rapidly changing situation and we cannot predict how it will develop over the next few days or weeks. I would like to thank you for your continued understanding and support in what is an unprecedented global situation and one that is very difficult for all of us.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or the School Nurse on her direct line 01442 221367.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Waceba
Headteacher

