

Monday 19th October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Remote learning when isolating at home for a group of children

During the period of isolation, the government expectation is that learning continues for your child for the remaining four days of this half term.

The government has been very clear in what they expect of a child during a period of isolation, this letter details those expectations and how we can support you during this time.

Remote Learning

Attendance: The government advises that your child follows the structure of the school day but at home. For example, your child could follow this timetable:

- 9:00 – 10:30 First lesson
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 Second lesson
- 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:15 Third lesson
- 2:15 – 3:15 Fourth lesson

There will be an example timetable of lessons for your child in the learning pack. Although we understand they may undertake the work in blocks rather than individual lessons. For instance, they may choose to undertake five maths lessons in one day.

If your child is unwell over the next four days, then please contact school so we can adjust the register accordingly.

If your child develops symptoms at any point during the following fourteen days then it is advised that you take them for a test. Please email the school to let us know if the outcome of the test is positive (postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk)

Children will not have work set for half term.

Learning: Your child's class teacher will plan learning for your child. It will be linked to in class learning for the period of isolation so it is important that it is undertaken so your child doesn't fall behind.

- Families will be able to collect their child's learning pack from the entrance foyer from later today, from 2:00pm onwards.

There will be links to resources and applications on the internet that are used by the school. Please monitor your child's use of online applications and websites and

remind them of the importance of being safe online. Please see the end of this of this letter for further guidance.

Children may choose to manage their work in different ways, for instance they may choose to block work and undertake five maths lessons in one day. The expectation is that all the learning is completed by the end of the period of isolation.

Completed Learning: Completed learning can be emailed to the class teacher for marking, which will inform the next steps of learning for your child. Please be aware that the response will take time. If you are unable to email then the work can be dropped off into the school foyer. It will be marked after 72 hours have passed. It is expected that all learning is completed and returned to school when the child returns to the classroom.

Logins and passwords for school applications: Your child's login details are in the back of their reading record. If you cannot locate this information then please contact school.

Free School Meals: If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal then we can provide a packed lunch for you to collect, please discuss this with the office before 9:30am daily.

Support and Help: You can also contact school for any support that your child may need, either by telephone or email. Please remember that your child's class teacher is teaching full time, therefore the email response will be delayed. For urgent queries please ring the school.

- year1@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk
- postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk (Main school email)

Guidance for Isolating

For further information regarding government expectations when isolating please use the link below that takes you to: Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection.

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

We appreciate the difficulties and challenges of learning at home, particularly if one of the household is unwell or parents are working from home. However, we ask that your child tries their best to keep up with the learning so they do not fall behind. Key priorities to undertake would be maths, reading and writing.

If we can support your family in any way at this difficult time, then please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,

T G Newton

Headteacher

Staying Safe Online at Home

With the learning being provided or needing the support of the internet, we need to emphasise the importance of ensuring that websites that children are accessing are reliable.

Staff will aim to provide learning that are on reputable sites and will provide the links needed to ensure that the children are gaining the knowledge that is intended.

We take online safety very seriously in school and provide children with ways to protect themselves whilst using the internet. Both you and your children have signed Acceptable Use Policies for the use of technology within school. The rules outlined in these will be the same for online learning at home too.

The children should be aware of the SMART rules (depending on age) which have been taught in school. Please revisit these rules with your children.

Other useful links that you can use to support your child in staying safe online are:

- Internet matters
- London grid for learning
- Net-Aware (NSPCC)
- Parent Info
- Thinkuknow
- UK Safer Internet Centre
- Hungry Little Minds (Apps for 2 to 5 year olds)

Just type the above into Google and you it will take you to the correct site. You can also email onlinesafety@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk if you have any concerns or are unsure of what to do and I will support you.

Miss Harvey

