

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

New government guidance for households with symptoms

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupil Absences

- If pupils are self-isolating due to the above advice their attendance percentage will not be affected.
- If a pupil is unwell, not related to self-isolating or coronavirus symptoms, it will be recorded as 'illness' as per normal practice.
- If a pupil is absent for any other reason the Headteacher will consider each case, as per normal rules and decide if the absence will be authorised or unauthorised.

If you have notified the school office of a pupil self-isolating / coronavirus symptoms you do not need to call each day about being continually absent. We would expect the child to return after the 14 days unless you notify us of another period of self-isolation or absence.

Work packs to take home

The class teachers have put together some work related to the learning in your child's class in the form of a booklet. You will also see their logins for Times Tables Rockstars for children in Year 2 to 6 and for Purple Mash. Time Tables Rockstars is a great way to practise times tables in a fun and engaging way. Purple Mash is used in school for a wide variety of subjects. The children can access learning in lots of different areas of the curriculum. On the school website, on the class pages, there are a list of different websites, chosen by the teachers, for the children to access. With anything online, please ensure you are monitoring your child's usage. Log in details for some online learning sites the children use will be sent home today in children's reading records.

These booklets will now be sent home with any children who are sent home from school with Coronavirus symptoms. If you child is currently self-isolating at home please send a friend / other family member to collect their booklet from school. If this cannot be arranged, parents should only collect the booklet, from the school office, for their child between the following hours: 10:00- 11:00am

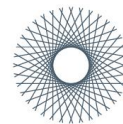


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Teachers also use Twinkl, this is an online resource, again covering lots of different subjects. This is usually a subscription site but due to the current issues, they have made a special login for parents to give a month's free access.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS.

Here is a link to the children's site for Classroom Secrets – go to <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/product/beta/>

I hope that the booklet of work and the online material will be of use for you and your child to complete during the period they are off school. Please also ensure your child is reading, not only the books from their passport but other age appropriate books.

Thank you for your continued support.

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