



Westborough
High School

Together we Succeed

16 September 2020

Dear Parent/carer

I am delighted to report that we have had an extremely positive start to the academic year. Pupils are in lesson learning and the atmosphere around school is brilliant. Pupils are focused and have adapted to the new system of being taught in year group bubbles very well indeed. It is wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to our school community and the pupils I have spoken to are thoroughly enjoying the experience so far.

Thank you for reinforcing the messages about following the school systems; this partnership approach between school and home has never been more important.

Schools are very much in the press with a number having had positive cases of Covid 19 (either – pupils or staff or both) which has resulted in year groups having to be sent home to continue their education remotely for two weeks. As I write this letter, we have **not** had any confirmed cases of coronavirus of pupils or staff who have attended school, but I would like to advise you about what will happen if we do, so you are prepared.

IF we have a pupil with a positive Covid 19 test, we will follow the guidance issued by the government:

Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community

- Schools **must** take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days

What does this mean for my child?

- **If** we have a pupil who attends school who then tests positive for Covid 19, it is likely the whole year group will be sent home to continue their education at home for 14 days. We will work with the local health protection team who will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.
- We will send a text message to let you know that your child will need to stay at home for 14 days.
- Because we have to take swift action, we may not be able to give a great deal of notice and I apologise in advance for this.
- Please can you ensure we have your correct mobile/contact phone number on our school system.

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Current government guidance is that year groups will **not** be sent home unless we have confirmed cases of Covid 19, again this is government guidance.

In the event that pupils are at home self-isolating, it is important that they continue with their education. Pupils have all been introduced to Microsoft Teams and assignments will be set using this online platform. Please ask your child to go through this with you so we can solve any issues before pupils need to access education in this way. Any concerns please email datarequests@w-h-s.org.uk or telephone school on 01924 469549 to speak to Mr U Ali (Assistant Headteacher.)

Do **not** send your child to school if they have symptoms of coronavirus. 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 (anosmia)** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

At Westborough we continue to try to reduce the spread of the virus within our school community and everyone is following the government guidance below:

Prevention

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas.
- Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.
- Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible – pupils are taught in year group bubbles, with staggered starts and ends to the school day and separate school entrances and exits.

Below is a reminder of the points of contact for the year groups:

- Year 7 – Mr Sidat
- Year 8 - Miss Cullen
- Year 9 - Mrs Marsden
- Year 10 - Mr Garside
- Year 11 – Miss Yates

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I am so impressed with how the pupils are adapting to being back in school full time. They are receiving a first class education from highly skilled teachers which will mean that pupils will go onto have bright futures.

Thank you again for all your support.

Keep safe

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JNapper'.

Jennifer Napper
Headteacher