



Dear Parents & Carers

19th March 2020

WOODSIDE update COVID-19 (Coronavirus) THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

We are continuing to follow guidance and the school is open.

Today, Thursday 19th March, the government have assured us that we will receive more detail following the new measures for schools yesterday evening. I will update you with information once it has been made clear exactly what is expected from Woodside.

Class closures

There are issues around staffing levels which are linked to medical needs and their own self isolation. Current guidance states that if any member of a household has a new, ongoing cough or temperature, all members of that household should self-isolate for 14 days.

Our staffing levels have been significantly affected by this measure and it has been necessary to close some classes on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. If your child's class is closed, then you will have received a separate email and a telephone call informing you of this development. We will be reviewing staffing levels and class closures on a daily basis.

Annual Reviews

Contrary to my previous correspondence, we will be postponing all Annual Review face-to-face meetings from Thursday 19th March. Instead we will aim to hold Annual Reviews by telephone and will be making contact with families who have reviews scheduled from now until the end of term. Annual review meetings scheduled to take place today, Wednesday 18th March, will proceed as planned as far as possible.

Website & Home Learning

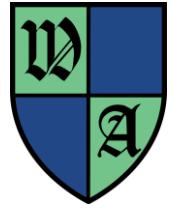
Please follow this link to the school website <https://www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk/>. You will find links for Home Learning on the website and we are also preparing packs to go home. These will be sent in the post if your family is already self-isolating.

General information

At Woodside, we have not been informed of any confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school community and are strictly following all precautions and advice.

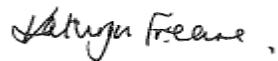
You will be aware that the situation is changing rapidly and I would advise you to monitor the situation through news sources and also through the school website.

If you are concerned about the health of any member of your household and need urgent advice, please contact NHS 111 or go the website <http://111nhs.uk/covid-19>.



I am sure that many of you are worried. We will do our very best to keep you informed of all developments. In the meantime I wish you all good health and peace of mind.

Yours sincerely



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