



23rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you that there are now 16 confirmed positive cases of COVID19 within our school community. A high number of staff at Woodside Academy are now having to self-isolate at home. This means that the school site cannot remain open in a safe way.

Public Health England, the local Health Protection Team, LSEAT and Bexley LA have made a decision with the school to move education for all Woodside pupils to remote learning for operational reasons and to protect children, their families and the Woodside staff team.

Therefore, you will need to keep your child at home from **Tuesday 24th November 2020**. We hope to welcome all children and young people back to school on **Tuesday 8th December** but will need to keep this under review.

Remote Learning

A number of classes are already operating remote learning through Google classroom. We expect remote learning to be available for all within 24-48 hours. We appreciate your patience whilst this is being set up. Further instructions will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Communication with the school and teachers

Please note that the office will be closed. Therefore all communication will need to take place via email on; office@bwf.education. We will also aim to check in with families via telephone. The pastoral team will also be able to offer similar support as in Lockdown 1.

This decision has not been taken lightly. The safety and wellbeing of children, families and staff is a priority. We will review the situation again next week and will let you know of any further changes.

Please see attached/below advice on Covid-19.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Freame
Head of School



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19:

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for a least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well 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.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

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

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is now compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and several other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.

Further Information

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>