



3rd January 2020

January Opening

Dear Parents/carers,

As you know Dudley is now in Tier 4 and restrictions are similar to the last national lockdown.

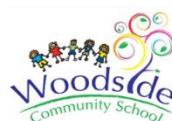
There has been a lot of speculation in the media concerning a potential move to remote learning for the first two weeks of the term due to the rising infection number. However the government is still directing schools to open where possible and so school **WILL BE OPEN on Monday 4th January** as normal. All pupils will be expected to attend school. We apologise for the lateness of this letter but we have been at the mercy of the government.

We recognise that some of you may feel anxious about this. We must all work together to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. The Trust and the school will be even more vigilant in trying to ensure that contact is restricted and that everyone continues to wash their hands. As from tomorrow we are insisting that:

- Parents adhere to the staggered opening and picking up times as directed by the school
- Only 1 parent/carer per family to come onto the school site
- NO older siblings from secondary schools to come onto site unless they are the main carer picking up the younger siblings.
- When on the school site all adults must socially distance from each other and leave the site immediately after dropping off/picking up.
- No gathering at the school gates / entrances and exits.
- All adults to wear a mask on site – unless you are exempt.
- If you need to speak to a member of staff then you need to phone the school office to make an appointment. You will not be able to have face-to-face conversations with school staff when dropping off/picking up and adults will not be able to access the main entrance.

We will update our whole school risk assessment to address further measures that we will take during this period. This will be on the school website. Extra measures include:

- All adults will wear a mask when on the school site, apart from when teaching in the classrooms
- Visitors to school will be strictly limited – only central team staff, essential work maintenance contractors, emergency workers and school nurse allowed on site
- Bubble movement in school to be limited as far as possible – classes being kept as strict classes with no mixing



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- Restricting mixing of bubbles at lunchtimes – class bubbles and not as a year group
- Ensure that cleaning regimes are thorough and kept up throughout the day

Please talk to you child about our expectations regarding safety and behaviour also. The Trust and school will not tolerate any child breaking the covid safety rules. If they deliberately do this then they will be sent home.

If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, or has tested positive for coronavirus, then your child and any siblings will need to stay at home until the end of the isolation period.

Coronavirus symptoms include ANY of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

If you develop symptoms - you need to do two things:

1. You and anyone in your household must immediately self-isolate until you receive the results of your test.
2. You need to book a test immediately. You can do this online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 if you don't have access to the internet.

NHS Test and Trace service will contact you with your results.

- If your test is **positive** you must continue to self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Anyone in your household must continue to self-isolate for a total of 10 days from when your symptoms started also.
- If anyone in your household develops symptoms then the 10 days restarts from when they develop symptoms and they should also get a test.

Please inform the school using the info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk email address.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year in as safe a way as possible.

Kind regards



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