



## Woodside High School

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Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

Following on from our most recent communication, this letter will outline the plans for Year 8 until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October when all students will return to school full time. The leadership team have reviewed the risk assessment for the school and the site has been deep cleaned. Any staff or students that have been identified as 'contacts' have been asked to self isolate.

We appreciate that this is a very challenging time for our students, parents and carers and we are taking all the necessary actions to ensure that students are in a safe and secure environment.

**Year 8 students will be expected in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

*Staff will ensure that students are provided with work they can complete from home during this time. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause.*

Students will then work from home on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** and will return to school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Please note that in light of this unplanned closure, the early school closure that was planned for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October has now been cancelled.** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October will be a full school day as attendance remains a priority in consideration of the links between attendance and attainment.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to provide any hot food as we will have limited kitchen capacity. A packed lunch bag will be available for students to purchase. This will consist of a sandwich, bottle of water, piece of fruit and a cereal bar. It will be charged at £2.70 for students unless they are allocated free school meals or have access to the hardship fund.

A small snack will be provided free of charge at breaktime for all students. If your child would like to bring in their own packed lunch from home, they are welcome to do so. With this in mind, if your child has an allergy or specific dietary requirement that needs to be considered please email [judy.barton@woodsidehighschool.co.uk](mailto:judy.barton@woodsidehighschool.co.uk)

Similarly, please make contact by telephone or email if you are struggling and need immediate support in order to feed your child between now and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. As always, we are committed to supporting our families. This applies on the days that your child's year group bubble is not due to be in school, during this period.

When in school, it is recommended that all students wear face coverings in communal areas, outside of lessons. Prior to putting on or taking off face coverings, they will either sanitise or wash their hands. Students should come to school with a sealable plastic bag so that masks can be safely stored between use.

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## Home learning

During the school closure, it is important that students continue with their learning by completing their homework and revision tasks that have been set by their subject teachers.

Students can also access further work set by their teachers on the Woodside High School Home Learning Task Grid which can be found on the school website using the following link:

<https://www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk/Learning/Online-learning-resources/>

Paper copies of the task grids will be provided to students to take home on the day they are in school. Students should also use BBC Bitesize, Sam Learning and GCSE pod (Key stage 4 only) to consolidate their learning.

## 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 at 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.

### Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds

- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further Information**

Further Information Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Yours sincerely

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