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Important Information

First of all I would like to thank you for your understanding and support following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening. This is not what any of us wanted to happen but please be assured that we will continue to work hard to make the best use of this period for the pupils at Woodhouse.



School is open for vulnerable pupils and those of critical workers and we currently have a considerable number of these.

Teachers have prepared teaching and learning resources which are available daily on Purple Mash for those who are learning at home and **these will be the resources which are also used in school** under the supervision of school staff. We appreciate that many parents and carers have work commitments so ask that children's work is completed to the best of your ability when you are able to do so.

We understand that the limit of devices in the household may be an issue for some. Please remember that many tasks can be completed on paper and a photo of completed work uploaded when devices are available within the household. It is appreciated that all families are in different situations and this can affect the amount of remote learning that can be completed.

Work which is submitted via Purple Mash will be acknowledged and receive written or verbal feedback. Pupils at home will be invited to a daily tutorial with their teachers via MS Teams but please do not worry if this does not fit with other commitments that you might have. Staff will be monitoring pupils' engagement and will be able to offer support as needed. **Please note that staff will be busy preparing, planning and uploading work throughout the day so will reply to any queries when it is possible to do so.**

Once again, I would like to emphasise the point that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. The message from the government is very clear - we need to minimise the numbers of pupils mixing in school and then going into the community. Therefore, I continue to ask parents and carers who deem themselves to be critical workers to keep your child at home if at all possible in order to protect as many members of the school community as we can.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, guidance and regulations are changed and updated frequently, usually with very little notice. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes which may affect provision for all of our pupils so please check your emails regularly as this is our main method of communication.

Covid

Anyone with any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and arrange testing. These symptoms are:

- high temperature **and/or**
- new continuous cough **and/or**
- loss or change to sense of taste or smell



Should a child develop symptoms whilst at school they will be sent home as soon as possible and asked to book and take a test. Once the symptomatic child is tested, if the result is negative, they can return to school.

Should the child subsequently test positive, the whole bubble will have to self-isolate for 10 days. For other household members of the child with COVID-19, including siblings, the self-isolation period is also 10 days. The whole bubble must complete the 10 day isolation period during which Home Learning will be accessible through Purple Mash.

Reading Resources During Lockdown

We recognise that without access to the school reading scheme it will be more difficult for our children to acquire quality texts during lockdown, however, it is so important that they are continuing to read regularly. To support you in this endeavour, we have collated a list of high-quality free reading resources and e-books that are available online for your child to enjoy during the next six weeks.



This document can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk/media/3365/reading-guidance-and-free-e-books.pdf>

We thank you for your continued support as we aim to develop a love of reading in all the children of Woodhouse even during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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