



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced new measures and advice to the general public in relation to Covid-19. The following advice supersedes all previous advice given and should be read carefully.

**If your child is well they should attend school.**

**However, if they present with any symptoms;**

- **A high temperature and/or**
- **A new continuous cough**

**they should remain at home in isolation for 14 days.**

**In addition, anyone in the same household should also self-isolate for 14 days regardless of whether they have symptoms themselves.**

**If any child presents these symptoms at school they will be isolated and parents will be called immediately.**

It is advised to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel. The Prime Minister also added that 'We need people to start working from home where they possibly can. And you should avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues.'

These are wide ranging decisions that will affect all of us in some way. The Winsford Education Partnership have made preparations to enable learning to continue for those families that are isolated from school **or** in the event of a school closure and have agreed that all children in the town will receive:

- A list of websites that they may access with you, to support any home learning – scroll down to the appendix at the very end of this letter;
- A Family Learning Grid, to guide you towards any topic learning you may wish to do with your child. This has been prepared by your child's class teacher. Your child will be able to share any off site learning with their peers at a future date.

- This will be available on your child's class page on the school website by the end of the week.

I appreciate that these are difficult and worrying times for us all and things are moving and changing quickly. As a school we have set up a dedicated e mail address should you need us – please only use this in relation to the current pandemic and not for any other enquires: [closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:closed@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk) we will do our best to monitor this regularly and respond where appropriate. . The senior leadership team have a system for checking this email address between the hours of **9am and 3pm**.

Please **do not** contact class teachers as they may not be able to respond to you

If our school closes and you need to communicate an emergency or safeguarding concern via phone, may I ask that you phone the following number 07827877529 for Julie Maloney. There will not be anyone in the school building so we will not be able to answer our usual school number.

We should still follow the advice on general hygiene and other measures that we can take to limit and delay the virus which are to:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds,
- Always wash your hands when you get home or into work,
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available,
- 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 straight away and wash your hands afterwards,
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell,
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

As schools, we are in regular communication with Public Health England and the Department for Education over measures that we can take in response to the current situation and the situation remains that there is no requirement for school to do anything other than the measures detailed above.

At times such as this, misinformation and speculation can only serve to do more harm than good and we are notifying you to ensure that we all comply with government restrictions. The advice continues to state that school should be open for business as usual. We are taking all the precautions possible. Pupils who are well should still attend school.

Finally, can I ask that you take account of all information being published each day and continue to follow the published advice on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Kind regards,

Natalie Tomlinson  
Head Teacher

## Appendix – Website List

### English

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv> - English games for KS1.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f> - English games for KS2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx> - Nursery rhymes and songs

### Phonics

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/> - Has lots of information, printable resources for each of the Letters and Sounds phonic phases, and also links to games aligned with each phase.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm> - Offers a selection of interactive games for all phonic phases.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> – YouTube video guide to pronunciation of all sounds.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/> - Information about phonics and support for parents to help their child at home.

### Reading

[https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age\\_group=Age+9-11&level=&level\\_select=&book\\_type=&series=#](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=Age+9-11&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#) - Oxford Owl free eBooks for children aged 3 – 11.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1> – Free online books, games and quizzes for families to share.

<https://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html> - A non-fiction magazine for younger children

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> - Features actors and actresses reading some of their favourite children's books. Each story comes with a free Activity Guide and can be viewed on YouTube.

<https://www.storynory.com/> - Free audio stories

### Writing

<https://www.planbee.com/developing-descriptive-writing-ks2-game> - Descriptive writing board game for KS2 to print off.

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html> - Fun writing games

### Maths

First4Maths <http://www.first4maths.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/> Creative Maths at home for each year group

TT Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/home>

Primary Games <https://www.primarygames.com/>

Maths Shed <https://www.mathshed.com/en-gb>

Maths Zone <https://mathszone.co.uk/>

BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

ITC Games <https://www.ictgames.com/>

Top Marks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Math Playground <https://www.mathplayground.com/>

NRICH <https://nrich.maths.org/>

AAA Math <https://www.aaamath.com/>

A Maths Dictionary for Kids <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

I Love Maths games <https://www.ilovemathsgames.com/>

Maths is Fun <https://www.mathsisfun.com/>  
Multiplication <https://www.multiplication.com/>  
NCETM <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/>

**General Websites**

<https://www.com/things-to-do/50-fun-rainy-day-activities-for-kids/>  
<https://www.toucanbox.com/activities/fun-things-to-do-at-home-with-your-kids>  
[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS