



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for bearing with us today as we sort out arrangements for the coming weeks. At the moment, school will re-open on Monday 18th January. However, this could well be subject to change. If they do, we will update you as quickly as possible.

So, we start our new term back under lockdown conditions. If you are classed as a 'critical (key) worker' or your child falls into the 'vulnerable' category; you will receive some further information about the next two weeks. If not, your child/ren will be working from home. This isn't a situation that any of us have chosen and we understand that some families are working under very difficult circumstances. You can only do your best! Please don't sit at home and worry about the work set. If something is tricky or if you have questions (remember, there are no 'silly questions'!) please email the class teacher or me.

Home Learning Packs

These contain learning for the next two weeks, as well as new books for the children to use. On Monday 18th January, we would like the children to bring the packs back to school where books will be discussed by the class, taken in and marked. There will be awards for outstanding pieces of work – your child's class teacher will give you more information about this.

HOME LEARNING PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL FROM 10am – 2pm TOMORROW (TUESDAY 5th JANUARY). If you are unable to collect the pack at this time, please let your child's class teacher know.

Teachers will email the children in their class every day – please share the emails with your child. Teachers will also be emailing video links as a way of keeping in touch with their classes, reading stories to and setting activities for younger children, explaining work where necessary.

In addition to this, teachers will send home passwords to the different online learning platforms used at school; for example, Purple Mash, Bug Club, Times Table Rock Stars. Teachers are able to log in and monitor children's use of these platforms; look at what the children have done e.g. comprehension questions answered in 'Bug Club'.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

During the last lockdown, our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/woodhallps>) was a brilliant way to share some of the amazing learning that children were doing at home; as well as other things such as walks and fun in the garden (although the weather is a bit different this time!) It would be great if you continued to send in photos to share with the group (either email the class teacher or me)

I will be filming a weekly celebration assembly (on Fridays). We will be giving out a range of certificates: 'Learner of the Week', Times Table Rock Stars certificates, Bug Club certificates, the 'Woodhall Wow' award. It doesn't matter whether your child is working at home or is in school. Keep in touch with your child's class teacher so that they can see all of the fantastic learning going on!

Positive COVID Cases

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the next two weeks, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can complete the relevant track and trace processes with Public Health. We will then notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and need to self-isolate. Please report all positive Covid-19 cases or symptoms to: ebattersby@woodhall.herts.sch.uk or phone the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Cooper Battersby.

Please remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> Main symptoms of coronavirus are: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

If you are not sure whether symptoms suggest that you or your child has Covid-19, please consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, please visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

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Miss Lake	Head	head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk

Thank you for the amazing support that you have given us at Woodhall during these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are struggling - we believe that social, emotional and mental wellbeing is just as important as academic learning. We are here to support the children **and** families of the whole Woodhall School community. And if we can't help, we may be able to point you in the right direction!

Our thoughts are with all of our families who are ill with COVID and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Please take care, everyone, and stay safe.

Miss Lake

Here are some useful numbers:

MIND Network – National Crisis Line 01923 255391 www.hertsmindnetwork.org

Refuge (Domestic Violence) Helpline 08082000247 www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Step In Food Hub 0208 428 6725 www.ascend.org.uk

Samaritans 116 123 www.samaritans.org

Sudden Bereavement Help 0800 260 0400 www.sudden.org

National Debt Line 0808 808 400

Citizens Advice Bureau 0208 515 8321 www.threeriverscab.org.uk



