



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

At Woodhall, we have done an exceptional job of minimising the spread of coronavirus within school. This is due to the conscientious nature of our entire Woodhall Community and we thank you for your continued support. Thankfully, some of the nationwide rules are relaxing and the end of lockdown is in sight. However, until we are fully out of lockdown, we must remain vigilant.

Please remember, if your child or **anyone in your household** has any **one** of the 3 main symptoms- a new cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell, **everyone** in your household must self-isolate immediately.

Normally, we might give our child some medicine, send them into school and see how they go, but until we are fully out of lockdown, that is not advisable. We realise that there are lots of other illnesses going around but we must continue to follow government advice to ensure we prevent the spread of coronavirus.

If your child has any of the three symptoms, they need to get a PCR test (the official one where you visit a test centre or it is delivered to your house and then you send the swab back to a lab for testing) and not just a lateral flow/ rapid test. You can arrange coronavirus tests here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Until the test comes back, the whole household must isolate.

If you receive a **negative result**, the **symptomatic person may return to school** once they feel well enough to do so **and the rest of the household may stop isolating**. However, if they have a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, they must wait 48 hours until these symptoms have stopped. Coughs can persist long after the infectious period so your child may return to school as long as they have a negative test result and they feel well enough. ***Please note, we must see evidence of a negative test before your child can return to school.***

If you receive a **positive test result**, the **whole household and any close contacts must isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive test**. **If you receive a positive result, you must inform school immediately so we may take actions within the school.** Should the symptomatic person continue to have sickness or a temperature after the seven days, they will need to isolate until 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided. Everyone else may stop isolating after 7 days as long as they have not developed any symptoms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me or call the school.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Cooper Battersby