

Thursday 17th September

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you are all well. We strive ahead with some kind of normal...

Tomorrow homework will go live on Google Classroom. This is a format we are using to cut down on paper and also as a homelearning tool, should it be required. Like all new systems it will have some teething problems and initial issues and I look forward to your patience as we iron these out. It may ask for a code when you log in – you do not need one, just click off it. Please get in touch if you experience any technical issues.

Homework is optional and the teachers will not chase up on the work or collect and mark it; it is there if you want it. Also if you find it too easy or hard please feel free to supplement the work with the many resources out there on the Web (BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy etc) or books from any retailer.

Google Classroom really came into its own this week as we had to isolate all of Year 3M. Since then we have also received another positive case of COVID-19 in the same class. Once again we alerted Public Health and followed their advice. All the children currently in school are fine and can continue as normal however we have had to isolate a further three members of staff.

We have already isolated the class and are confident all contact with the case has been traced. Please try not to worry. For most people Covid19 is a mild illness, if you or your child develops any of the symptoms below or become unwell please contact NHS111 or your GP. Although Covid19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too and it is important that these are not missed.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Thank you as always for your continued support and cooperation

Yours sincerely

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