

If you have recently changed your contact details please inform the school office so we have your most up to date information.

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westdalejuniors.co.uk

Coronavirus latest information

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our intention to update you with the most relevant information as often as we can as the advice is changing sometimes hourly. We still have no confirmed cases in our school setting although we do have some families and staff members who are sensibly following the advice to self- isolate.

The governing body, senior leaders and the staff team are working together to ensure that we continue to maintain the smooth running of the school in difficult and exceptional circumstances. We are following Government directives and advice and are also working closely with Nova Education Trust to regularly review our continuity plans.

How we are keeping our school community safe and minimising risk of infection:

- Ensuring pupils are washing hands at break times and lunchtime and at other suitable times
- Non –essential visitors are currently being asked to stay away, the few visitors who
 provide services in school are made fully aware of our handwashing procedures when
 they sign in at reception.
- Visits and sporting fixtures are cancelled until further notice as are after school clubs (please note that Woodpeckers is not a Westdale club, if you have any queries regarding their after school service you will need to contact them directly)
- Notifying parents if pupils are presenting a persistent cough during the school day.
- Regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles, light switches, touchpads etc. and rotation of cleaning products.

If anyone in your house has symptoms of a new persistent cough/and or a temperature the whole of the household must self-isolate for 14 days and stay away from school. If a person in your household has an underlying serious medical condition please follow medical advice and Government guidelines, if you feel that self-isolation is the best action for your family then contact us to let us know. Parents/Carers must continue to notify the school office when their child is be absent from school.

We hope that we can remain open but we are currently preparing home learning activities in the event of a closure. Initially the main source of learning will be through packs of worksheets that will be sent home with your child, additional internet based

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learning may follow so could we ask you to contact the office to let us know if you DO NOT have access to the internet at home.

We are monitoring the situation closely and will update you as often as we can. Thank you for your co-operation in following the Government advice to help us keep everyone safe and for your patience at what is a very unusual and difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely

Rob Slater Head of School