

COVID- 19 Reminders, Notifications and Information

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Dear parents and carers,

This are very difficult times at the moment and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your patience, sensitivity and the sensible way you have reacted to advice. So many of you have offered support and appreciated the hard work the staff and in particular the office staff are putting in to sharing information with you.

As I have said in previous messages the information feels like it is shifting all the time, we are reacting to problems as they arise and I know how difficult this is as a working parent and also as a parent who is trying to keep their family safe.

This letter is to give you the most up to date advice all in one place and hopefully this will give you clear guidance as to what to do.

After reading this letter please get in contact with the school office if you will need a school place on Monday by 2pm today, even if you have returned your questionnaire. We are looking at Monday as a first instance and moving forward from there. I cannot guarantee that the provision we offer will be at Oxenhope after Monday, but obviously we are trying our best that this will be the case in order to keep our children and staff safe. There will be personalised letters which go out today to the families of children who will be attending on Monday explaining arrival times, time tables, lunch arrangements, uniform requirements etc. I will also send some more information about home learning to everyone on Monday afternoon.

Below are a few of the most commonly asked questions and the most up to date answers:

What are the symptoms I need to be looking out for?

- A recent onset of a new continuous cough
AND/OR
- A high temperature (37.8 degrees)

For most people Corona Virus will be a mild infection

What do I need to do if my child starts showing symptoms?

If you or your child have coronavirus symptoms:

- do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
- you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
- testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home
- you need to contact school and let us know

For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared. If you feel you cannot cope with yours or your child's symptoms at home, or yours or their condition gets worse, or symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

What do I need to do if someone in my household is showing symptoms but my child isn't and when can I stop self-isolation?

If you have been symptomatic, then you may end your self-isolation after 7 days. The 7-day period starts from the day when you first became ill

If living with others, then all household members who remain well may end household-isolation after 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day illness began in the first person to become ill. Fourteen days is the incubation period for coronavirus; people who remain well after 14 days are unlikely to be infectious.

After 7 days, if the first person to become ill feels better and no longer has a high temperature, they can return to their normal routine. If any other family members become unwell during the 14-day household-isolation period, they should follow the same advice - that is, after 7 days of their symptoms starting, if they feel better and no longer have a high temperature, they can also return to their normal routine.

Should a household member develop coronavirus symptoms late in the 14-day household-isolation period (for example, on day 13 or day 14) the isolation period does not need to be extended, but the person with the new symptoms has to stay at home for 7 days. The 14-day household-isolation period will have greatly reduced the overall amount of infection the rest of the household could pass on, and it is not necessary to re-start 14 days of isolation for the whole household. This will have provided a high level of community protection. Further isolation of members of this household will provide very little additional community protection.

At the end of the 14-day period, any family member who has not become unwell can leave household isolation.

What will happen if school runs out of soap?

We are trying to ensure our supply of soap is well stocked however we are constantly monitoring this. We would close the school if we had no soap.

Is this the most up to date information?

At the moment of writing this letter yes. Information is changing all the time, therefore please ensure you can access our website, Facebook, school APP and messenger service, paper letters (if we are open) and emails. This will be where we display our latest information.

What jobs class as key worker?

Health and social care

All NHS staff, including administrative and cleaning workers. Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, plus support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector.

In addition, it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teachers - including teaching assistants - and social workers.

Food and other necessary goods

Food chain workers, including those involved in production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of goods.

Key public services

Postal workers, those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

Local and national government workers in admin roles "essential to the effective delivery" of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

Utility workers

Staff needed to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

Public safety and national security

Police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and workers responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those keeping air, water, road, and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating.

Can children of non-key workers still go to school?

No, they should be at home and observing social distancing.

Vulnerable children, including those with a social worker, and pupils who get special needs support will be able to stay in school.

Do both parents need to be key workers?

Officially, if one parent is a key worker, the government has asked the other parent to have their child at home. Some sources have suggested that only one parent needs to be on the list in order to send their children to school. This is expected to be clarified soon by the Government.

Single parents who are key workers will be entitled to a school place.

What if I work shifts or only need child care for part of the day or certain days?

After Monday we will be setting up a requirement booking system which will mean that you can book your child into school for a week at a time.

What if I am a key worker but I am allowed to work from home but my circumstances change and I might be required to go into work, can my child come to school then?

Yes, there will be a place for your child but it is worth knowing that we are currently reviewing provision on a daily basis.

Will there be before and after school club?

At the moment Explorers will run in the morning as usual, but we are awaiting government advice on school opening and closing times. If your child is not registered for Explorers but you would like them to be over this period then we will arrange this with you on Monday.

The Government is asking people, in extraordinary times, to do everything they can to protect as many lives as they can.

If you are able to keep your child off school, please stay at home.

I am doing my best to ensure you are given the correct information daily, this will continue. Remember you cannot control everything. Think positively, find things to do at home which you enjoy, limit your social media and the news intake, practice social distancing, put greater emphasis on kindness and understanding - and STOP buying toilet rolls!!! – stay safe 😊

Yours sincerely Mrs Jones, Headteacher



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