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IMPORTANT News from the Nest

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

As you will be aware, the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect many parts of our normal lives and schools are sadly no exception.

Despite the best efforts of our School and the Local Authority, we have no choice but to temporarily close our school for the remainder of the term due to staffing shortages related to COVID 19 self-isolation, which leaves us unable to operate and open school safely.



The school will close as of tomorrow: Monday 14th December 2020

The school will open again on Monday 4th January 2021.



Click on the Home Learning icon to access all of our year group pages



Please be assured that we are working tirelessly to get the school open again in preparation for the start of the Spring term in January 2021. In the meantime, we will be offering our online education provision and home learning support.

Please visit the website to access this, simply by 'Googling' Wren's Nest Primary School. There is a link to home learning.

Please see the example above

We are not alone in having to do this, a number of schools across the region and country are facing similar challenges.

We will be in contact with you via ParentHub as well as the School Website with regular updates. **PLEASE check these regularly to stay informed.**

I know this may cause you some concern and I am truly sorry for the inconvenience to our families. However, I am sure you will support my decision to prioritise the health and safety of all members of our school community. The closure period will allow us to carry out an additional deep clean across school.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (not the Universal Free School Meal programme for Years Reception to Year 2), a member of the Admin Team will be in touch to arrange a time for you to collect a food provision parcel for the period of time that school is closed.

Thank you in advance of your support with this and for all of your continued support you have shown. I wish you all a Happy Christmas - even in these strange times.

As always, take care and stay safe,



Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirustest> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>