

CORONAVIRUS – WEEKLY UPDATE 3 2020/21

This letter holds key information regarding our response to Coronavirus and links to Government websites that might help.

We have now set up a Coronavirus email address. This can be used if you need to make contact with us about anything Covid-19 related outside school hours – coronavirus@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk.

1. Testing

Please ensure that your child does not attend school if they show symptoms of Covid19 – Government guidance is still that these are a high temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste and smell. If your child is showing symptoms and requires a test, please keep any siblings at home until you've received a negative result. Testing is a real concern nationally and we have been grappling with it here also, we are aware of the difficulties in accessing the testing process and this is very frustrating for all. We would ask everyone to follow the guidance below so that we can all stay as safe as possible. For the latest information and Government guidance, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works> This gives detailed information about the NHS Test and Trace service and how to get tested.

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Further information can also be found on the Government guidance for the return to school <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

3. Site Organisation

Please remember that the school start time has not changed, it's either 8.40am or 8.55am. Also, a reminder that **no scooters or bikes are to be ridden to school**, we would encourage you to walk. If you need to drive, please park as far away from school as possible and then walk. Please **don't** park in the staff car parks but please **do** have consideration for our neighbours when parking. We have had reports of dangerous driving on the estate, please take extra care when approaching school.

With the exception of guide dogs - **no dogs** are allowed anywhere on the school site, or tied to the fences.

Can I remind you that you should only come to the school office currently in exceptional circumstances. Please consider whether you need to contact the office as the workload has increased, due to the current situation, and having to move around school to deliver messages etc compromises bubbles. Parents are not allowed in the Academy at the moment and must drop off at the designated gate. Please ensure you get the children here

on time – **late arrival creates difficulties** as the children have to enter through the front of school which also compromises our systems for social distancing.

Before or after dropping your children off at school, we would ask you not to congregate either on the school site or by the gates or paths outside it. Parents are finding it hard to have sufficient social distance to feel safe and secure. Thank you

4. Reminders

School uniform on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday – with the exception of our new Reception children.

Children should bring in a coat, named water bottle, named lunchbox (if bringing own) and a book bag only. No pencil cases or stationery (these are provided by school).

The only food currently provided by our caterers is a baguette lunch, this is free to Infant children, but charged at the meal rate for Junior children unless they are entitled to free school meals. We will be reviewing this during the autumn term.

There are no before or after school clubs or extra-curricular music or swimming lessons at the moment.

With my continued best wishes to you and your family.

Take care

Paul Daniels