

4th December 2020

Advice to Parents / Carers of Year 8 Students

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Due to current levels of staff absence resulting in insufficient staff to cover all classes, we will require all Year 8 students to work at home from Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December. Students will return to school on Monday 14th. We recognise that this is not ideal; however, we will review the situation regularly and give you a further update on Thursday 10th December, when we hope the staffing situation will have improved. We will endeavour to return students to lessons in school as soon as it is possible to do so. Parents and carers of students who accessed our keyworker provision during our last closure have been contacted this morning and offered a place for their child in school.

Airedale Academy provides all online learning via the Google Classroom Remote Learning Platform. All students should be aware of their Google Classroom log-in and, therefore, should be able to access the work provided via this platform. Logins have been reissued today and all students have had a session led by our Senior Leaders explaining the login process. All passwords have been reset to Password1234. The work set will appear in the class stream for each subject that your child would have if they were in school and will replicate the hours of learning that they would normally have for a given subject. This will form the basis of the work your child needs to complete next week.

If you are concerned about a lack of suitable devices in the home, or a lack of internet access in the home, please make contact with school via info@airedaleacademy.com

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

As a reminder to all parents/carers, 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-coronavirus-test> 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'. If another member of the household develops symptoms, your child must remain at home for 14 days, or until the person with symptoms receives a negative test result for COVID-19.

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>

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The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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

- 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

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

Thank-you for your continued support in these extremely difficult times.

Yours faithfully,



Miss L Proctor
Principal