



Rawmarsh Community School



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Dear Parent

Unfortunately we have had a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 within Year 8, and as a result, the affected people are isolating for 10 days in line with government advice and guidance.

Consequently a number of staff are self-isolating for 14 days as a result of working in close proximity to the affected persons. With this many members of staff absent from school, we find ourselves unable to provide an education to Year 8 classes.

As a result, it is with deepest regret that we must close Year 8 until Tuesday 3rd November 2020. This will affect all students in Year 8.

We will continue to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you or any family members display any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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.

In the event of a member of your household testing positive, all other household members who remain well 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.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home, and visitors should not come to your home.

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During the bubble closure students will be able to access work on the following platforms:

1. Google drive specific to each year group including specific faculty folders. Within these can be found lesson resources and banks of work for them to complete
2. Google classrooms for each year group with more specific tasks for them to follow and links to online platforms
3. Online platforms including SAM learning and Hegarty Maths
4. Online live lessons as part of the learning cycle
5. Recorded lessons uploaded to Google Classroom by teaching staff
6. Paper copies of work can be provided for students without access to a computer at home.
Please email requests to jrotheram@rawmarsh.org

Students in all other year groups should continue to attend school. There is no need for anyone who has not been contacted to self-isolate or be unduly concerned. There is no reason why other children should not continue to attend school as normal.

If your child currently has free school meals and you wish your child to continue to access a free school meal, you will need to email the school jrotheram@rawmarsh.org so that suitable arrangements can be made for you to collect a packed lunch. Whilst this is not obligatory we want to encourage all our families to take advantage of this.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and should we get any new advice from the Department for Education and Rotherham Local Authority, we will inform you immediately.

Please be aware that this is fast evolving situation and we do not underestimate the anxieties that families are facing. We will continue to share any new information and advice specific to the school with you at the earliest opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your ongoing support at what we understand will be a concerning time for you.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Turton
Headteacher

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>

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.