



Dear Parents and Carers

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With the announcement about the 'Rule of 6' and other changes to Covid-related rules this week, I thought it would be useful to update all families on the current rules and recommendations connected to school. Also, at the end of this letter, is important information regarding Free School Meals.

1. COVID-19 Information – Should I come into school?

Wood Green School understand the importance of keeping the School community, and the wider community, safe and how track and trace plays an important part in doing this. When a member of the Wood Green School community shows symptoms of COVID19 there is a robust process in place to reduce the chance of spreading the virus.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **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

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. More information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If a student or a member of their household shows any of the above symptoms the household member should be tested and the household self-isolate immediately until test results are received. School attendance must be informed of student absence and reason. If positive the household remain self-isolated. The school must be informed of a positive or negative test result and when the student will be returning to school.

In the event of a student showing symptoms whilst attending school the following process will be followed, in line with Government guidance:

- The student will be isolated
- Parent / carer will be contacted to collect the student
- Areas the student has been prior to collection will be cleaned
- The student must carry out a COVID19 test as soon as possible
- The results of the test must be communicated to the school immediately

To obtain a test please go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or dial 119.

2. The Rule of 6

From 14 September there will be a legal limit on the number of people you don't live with that you are able to meet. When meeting with people you don't live with you can socialise in groups of up to 6. In England this includes children. It may well be confusing to our students that they can be in a class of 30 in school but only be in a group of 6 outside of school. My understanding is that, by following the rules outside of school, we are less

likely to bring problems into school and also keep the number of cases down. Therefore we can keep schools open, which is a real priority after losing months of learning.

Therefore, please do ensure that your child is aware of and follows these new rules. This is now a law and there are consequences for anyone found breaking this law. We will be giving the same message in school.

3. Masks

We are continuing with our current approach of asking staff and students to wear a mask indoors when moving outside of their 'village'. Some students have exemptions, but some students are not wearing masks who should. We have said that we do not want to challenge students, because this is unfair to those who have good reasons not to wear masks. So, if your child should wear a mask, can you also reinforce the importance of wearing this when required in school.

4. Free School Meals

With the resumption of school after a long period of time, the school appreciates that your personal circumstances may have changed. Please do get in contact with school if you feel that your child is now eligible to receive a free school meal. You can do this in one of two ways:

- Directly emailing the Finance Office to request an application form financeoffice@wgsuitney.org.uk
- Go to the school's website and download the form directly from there.

If you are uncertain please do check with us, as we would not wish for any child to lose out in anyway.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely



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