

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my email last night, I wanted to give you an update on:

- how to access home learning resources in the event that your family need to self-isolate
- how we are explaining the news to the children in a calm, age appropriate way that avoids panic
- future events

### **How do I access home learning resources if we need to self isolate?**

At Worplesdon we use Google Classroom which is a free web service whereby teachers can share planning and resources with you and your children.

Over the last few weeks, staff have been working hard to upload a variety of resources to aid home-learning. Attached to this email, you will find two helpful crib sheets:

- How to access Google Classroom using a tablet or smart phone
- How to access Google Classroom using windows, Mac or chromebook

Whilst most children have already used the Google Classroom and know their log in details, their username and password are stuck in front of their reading diaries too! When using google classroom for the very first time, you may need to enter the following code: XXX

As you know, currently we have enough staff to be able to remain open so staff will be using these resources with the children able to attend school and we hope those families in self-isolation will be able to use them at home too (as long as the children are well enough to do so). The planning and resources will be kept up to date and class teachers will make contact with pupils providing feedback (where appropriate) which will hopefully provide reassuring communication for you and your child along with useful learning activities. We will continue to review our online provision, looking to improve how we can best remotely keep in touch. Please ensure that as your child is using online technology to learn, that your filters are up to date and that you use the opportunity to discuss keeping safe on the Internet.

### **How can I explain the news to my children in a calm and age appropriate way?**

With the number of coronavirus patients rising around the world, children are being exposed to information and misinformation from many sources. With the Coronavirus dominating the news and children, as always, are asking direct, difficult questions about what's going to happen. ***It is important that we remain calm and reassuring for our children.*** I have attached a useful social story about the virus that you may find useful to share with your children.

### **What will happen with future events?**

Due to the current challenging circumstances and thus pressure on my staff, I have taken the difficult decision to cancel with immediate effect all internal clubs run by staff. I am delighted that our external clubs are continuing to provide their service for our children.

As you can imagine, the situation continues to change on a day to day basis. I will be back in contact tomorrow about up and coming events.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support. Let's continue to provide support for each other during these challenging times.

Best wishes,

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