



Ottery Primary School Newsletter



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Google Classrooms

In key stage 1 and 2, we are using googleclassroom to share weekly summaries of the learning being covered in school. For children who are self-isolating but well enough to complete school work, links to online lessons will also be shared on the weekly summary. Maths lessons are taken from White Rose and will include links to videos and worksheets. English units will be taken from Oak Academy and may not follow exactly the units taught in school, however the English lessons will follow the year group objectives being covered.

Children are also encouraged to take accelerated reader quizzes at home and should read daily. We will also include links to science and topic lessons from Oak Academy which reflect the units being taught in school.

We appreciate that logging into googleclassroom is not always straightforward, and have created a cribsheet to help which includes troubleshooting for some common issues. This can be found on the front page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

Household isolation

It has been well documented in the media this week that there are significant issues and delays in accessing tests but this fact does not change the messages and approaches outlined in the government and Public Health England guidance.

If anyone in your household develops any of the symptoms of Covid-19, the whole household must self isolate. The information in green below is taken from the government's stay at home guidance:

Symptoms: *The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:*

- *a new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three episodes of coughing in a day)*
- *a high temperature (37.8 degrees C or above)*
- *a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)*

*For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have **any** of the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19.*

*If you have symptoms of COVID-19 **however mild**, self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – go to testing to arrange. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.*

If you are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms during this isolation period, restart your 10-day isolation from the day you developed symptoms.

After 10 days, if you still have a temperature you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. You do not need to self-isolate after 10 days if you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone. See the ending isolation section below for more information.

If you live with others, all other household members need to 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 household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.*

Given this, we must politely request that siblings of symptomatic children are not sent into school as this goes against the published guidance and raises the potential of spreading any infection within school. Similarly, please do not send children back to school while awaiting the results of a test. Children should only return to school within the isolation period if they have received a negative test result and feel well in themselves.

We do appreciate the efforts of those families who have been taking this approach as we are working incredibly hard to minimise risks to all of the children, families and staff and we rely on the support of the whole community with this.

If you have any concerns about symptoms, please seek medical advice as soon as you can either through the GP surgery or via the NHS 111 service.

Thank you for your continued support at this increasingly difficult time. We will continue to relay any further updates or information that the government or Public Health England release.

Yours sincerely

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