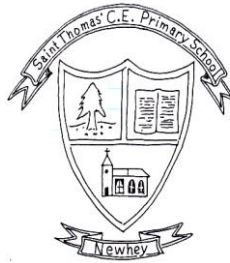


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Dear Parents

I am writing with further updates regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As it stands at the moment, children with new persistent coughs and/or a high temperature will be sent home from school for a period of self-isolation period of 7 days. Family members living in the household without symptoms need to self-isolate for 14 days. Children living in a household with a family member displaying the symptoms need to self-isolate for 14 days. Guidance for self-isolation can be found on the NHS website. Children who are self-isolating in this instance will be given an exceptional circumstances code on the school registers.

Families who are self-isolating or social distancing due to health needs of others in the family are still classed as having an unauthorised absence. This will continue to be the case, until I am informed otherwise. Notes will be made on the attendance records of the reason why these children are absent from school.

Children not in school will be sent home learning packs, created by the class teacher. Pupils are also being encouraged to use Times Tables Rockstars, Lexia (if they have access) and Purple Mash. The learning packs will be sent home weekly. In addition it is important that children keep up to date with reading. There are lots of useful online resources and apps to support with this. Twinkl (online resource) also has home learning materials.

In the event of a school closure, children will be sent home with learning packs and support materials to use at home. Class teachers will set daily tasks based on these learning packs for children to complete.

Regards

Mrs R. Williams
Headteacher