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Ref: Upper Arley C of E Primary School - COVID-19 ongoing plans

Dear Families,

Thank you all for a smooth start to the term, especially with so many changes. The children are happy and settled and our priority has been to ensure that they are safe and secure in school so that learning can start. There are many protective measures in place and many adaptations to teaching that have been well managed by the staff. We have made sure that this is as 'invisible' as possible to the children. The only thing we can't hide is the handwashing! The staff has gone above and beyond to establish as 'normal' a school experience as possible.

Over the coming months, I am sure there will be disruption to many schools and we are not immune to this. We are doing all we can to remain open, but it only takes one confirmed case to disrupt and we are, therefore, planning accordingly. We have planned for the prospect of four different scenarios and have listed our approach below to keep you informed of our plans in the event of disruption. Currently, Parent mail will be our prime communication tool and it is vital that you can access it. If you have not received emails or notifications recently, please contact Mrs Hope in the school office.

Our approaches to four different possible scenarios are listed below:

	School closed due to national school closure or Worcestershire closure (decision made by government or Public Health)	Self-isolation of one or more bubbles due to confirmed cases (decision made by Public Health)	Individuals self-isolating due to COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting test results (decision made by parents/ school)	Individual teacher self-isolating due to family member with COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting test results (decision made by teacher/school)
School situation	-School closed to all but key workers	-School closed to the bubble/s including key worker children	-Remote learning for individuals in any bubble at any time	-In school learning for children
Approach to teaching	-Remote learning – (Showbie for KS2 Seesaw KS1) Daily lesson planning via online platform Home Learning/ In School learning for key workers -voice over lessons available on showbie/Seesaw to provide flexibility and repeated viewings	-Remainder of school on site -Closed bubble/s as for national school closure: -Resource packs sent home -Daily lesson planning via online platform for Home Learning/ In School learning for key workers - voice over lessons available on learning platforms to provide flexibility and repeated viewings	-Daily lesson planning/ resources sent home in advance (by end of September) for core concepts for the relevant year group. This is contained in a 'Homelearning pack for self isolation' for 20 days. -Families use for each day of absence and parents monitor usage of pack -pupils encouraged to access TT rockstars and Big Cat reading.	-Teacher deliver lessons from home whilst class supervised by TA -If teacher is ill, planning to be implemented by familiar school staff with additional support
Communication	-through online platform between 9am-3pm for support	Bubble closed: -online platform between 9am-3pm	-Work returned to online platform	-Normal school communication

	from teachers(who are working from home that day) and to return set work at the teacher's request	for support from teachers and to return set work at the teacher's request		
General communication	-Parentmail messages -Weekly phonecalls from school	-ParentMail messages -Weekly phonecalls from school	-Weekly phonecall home by school	-Normal school communication

We will be sending home the 'Home Learning pack for self isolation' before the end of September in line with government advice on preparation for remote learning. We ask that you keep these packs safe and **only use them if necessary**. We will also send home one exercise book, which we ask you to keep safe and only use if children are self isolating or their bubble is closed. Before these packs arrive home, if your child is self isolating for a few days, please complete homework set by their teacher, home learning activities/projects, keep reading, listen to and discuss stories and keep practicing the spelling and mental maths.

In the event of any closure, the main office email would be monitored for general enquiries. This email is office@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk For child protection or safeguarding concerns during any closure, please email head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk The Family Front Door (Child Protection) phone number for Worcestershire is 01905 822666 if you need to call with a concern directly. For immediate danger, please call the emergency services on 999.

There will be a facility to communicate with class teachers through your child's online learning platform. Further information will follow shortly.

We sincerely hope that none of these planned scenarios turn into reality but, just in case, we are prepared.

Best wishes,

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