

Headteacher's Blog 6th November

I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe. Yesterday saw the start of the new national lockdown and I am sure this will present challenges for many of our families. However, the significant difference this time is that schools remain open. This week the students have been fantastic and I am sure they are pleased to be able to be in school.

Supporting students to stay safe

Our students have been very mature and compliant in wearing their face coverings and following our routines as set out below. I have attached with this blog a letter and flowchart from Warwickshire Public Health England, which I would urge you to read please.

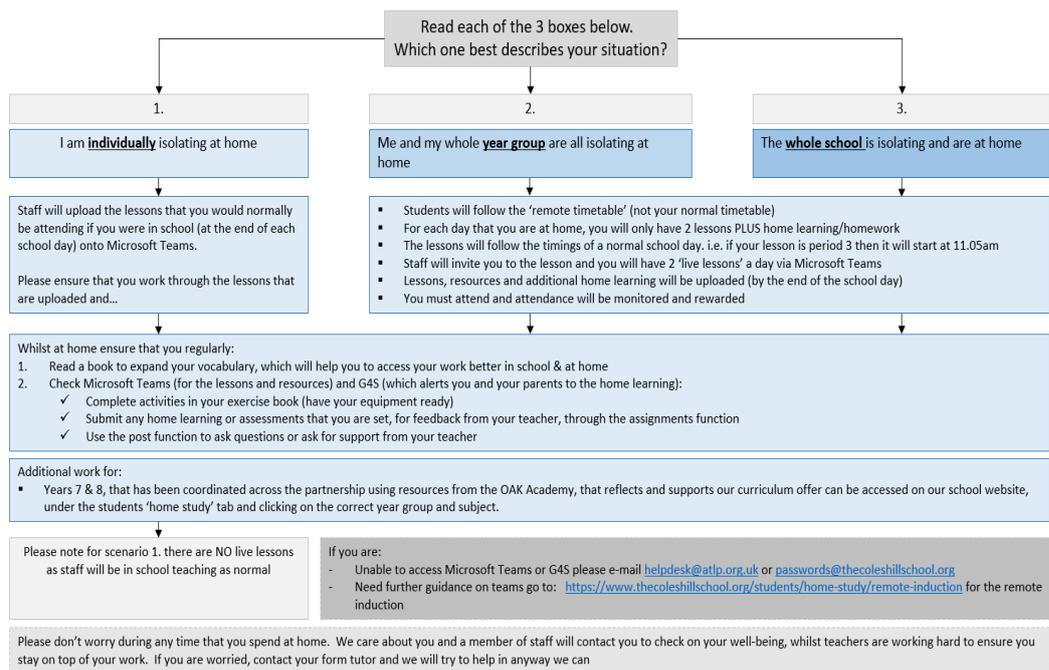
Please can I ask you to talk to your child about wearing their face coverings and observing social distancing when travelling to and from school, including when walking home in groups. Students need to take responsibility for their safety and that of others beyond the school gate, to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Our Covid Routines

- ✓ Students will move to lessons, wearing a face covering and observing the one way systems at all time – these are clearly indicated with arrows on the corridors.
- ✓ Students will arrive to lessons wearing their face covering and be greeted at the door by their teacher, who will also be wearing their face covering.
- ✓ Students will be asked to hand sanitise on entry to the classroom.
- ✓ Students will be asked to take a disinfectant wipe and wipe down their area (table/chair/equipment depending on room).
- ✓ Students can then take off their face covering.
- ✓ Staff will remain 2 metres from students during the lesson.
- ✓ Students will stand behind chairs at the end of the lesson and put on their face coverings.
- ✓ Students will throw their wipes in the pedal bin on the way out.

Remote learning

As we start the new half term can I remind you about what is in place for students who have to work remotely at home, whether this is because they are ill themselves or due to self-isolating. The flow chart over the page is reminder of what to do to access work. The rising number of infections in the region was reflected in the increase in the number of single cases in school at the end of last half term affecting different year groups. We have had significantly less cases this week, with only one student who was in school. Hopefully the new lockdown will reduce cases further. However, where cases do occur your child may have to spend time at home and so it is essential that you understand how our remote learning is accessed, usually through MS TEAMS. If you have any questions about this please e mail us on enquiries@thecoleshillschool.org or if your child has forgotten their password or username please email passwords@thecoleshillschool.org



Remembrance

This year's period of Remembrance will be different to our normal events, but it is important that we do stop and remember both the fallen and those service men and women who continue to serve, whether that be across the world supporting in war torn regions or at home supporting the fight against coronavirus. I will be broadcasting our usual ceremony on Wednesday 11th and all students will see this in their classroom and observe the 2 minute silence. I will be laying a wreath at the memorial in Coleshill later today and we will be selling poppies, in a Covid secure way in year group bubbles, Monday to Wednesday next week.

It would have been fitting to end the week if we had been able to go ahead with the official opening of the Wilson Building; in memory of Tom Wilson at Remembrance weekend. We hope to do this before the end of 2020 to also commemorate the 500 year anniversary of the school.



Have a good weekend and stay safe.

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