



Monks Coppenhall Academy and Day Nursery

"To be the best we can in mind, body and spirit"

"Working together to create better futures"

Date: 8/10/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

In addition to the email you received yesterday, we have some more guidance and information to share with you. Firstly, we would like to apologise to those parents who received the email very late last night. The letter was sent out as a group email at around 8pm, as soon as we had been given advice from Public Health England.

Home Learning

Earlier this week, a protocol for home learning was sent out as a means of protecting children and staff working online. We are requesting that these guidelines are followed during any live video lessons between the teachers and your child. These guidelines are an added safety measure to protect your child and the school staff. I am sure that you appreciate how important this is from a safeguarding point of view.

The government expects your child to engage in home learning during any self-isolation period, which is something we strongly agree with. We appreciate that this can be very difficult, particularly for parents/carers who work from home. These are unprecedented times, but we cannot afford for children to miss out on any more learning. Teachers will be posting a blog message on Seesaw every morning and afternoon at 9:15am and 1:00pm respectively. We would like you, or your child, to respond to this so that we can monitor their engagement, and support if necessary.

A timetable outlining the tasks for the self-isolation period will be posted on Seesaw by the end of today. From tomorrow, tasks and activities for each day will be posted every morning in the Seesaw activity area. Once your child has completed the work for the morning session, please upload it as a document or a photograph. Staff will then provide feedback throughout the afternoon. Once your child has completed the afternoon task, this can also be uploaded.

Many of the lessons, particularly for pupils in Year 2, will involve high-quality videos which will guide your child with their learning. Alongside this, activity sheets may also be provided for your child to complete.

Should you have any difficulties with this (e.g. access to the internet or a device) please contact us and we can arrange for paper copies of any learning to be sent home with a sibling or collected from the school office. Should you wish to loan an electronic device, please contact the office who will endeavour to provide one.

During the isolation period, staff from your child's class will make individual calls periodically to support you with any issues.

We understand that these are very challenging times for people in our community and we really appreciate how supportive you have all been. If you or your child requires any support with mental health and well-being, please do not hesitate to contact our team by emailing eyks1wellbeing@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk

At the bottom of this letter, we have also attached further guidance regarding Covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P. Simpson

FURTHER INFORMATION:

What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19

If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must 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 house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school, or public areas if they have been in direct contact with someone with Covid-19 symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you do develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>