



AKELEY WOOD
SCHOOL

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Covid-19 - Teaching and Learning Protocol During any School Closure

Dear Parents and Guardians

In the likely event of a school closure, I am writing to outline the measures we will be putting in place to support your child with their learning whilst they are not in school.

Wicken Park - Junior School children

Today, you will have received a green folder for your child containing paper based learning for five days in the event of school closure. This covers all curriculum areas. If your child is already at home self-isolating, these packs will be posted out tomorrow. They also include login in details for Seesaw (KS1) or Teams (KS2) which you will need for Online Learning the following week.

Online Learning at AWJS (after the first 5 days):

Students will access online learning from home. This will include set tasks, video tutorials and in some cases online content. More information will follow, including trial sessions for parents and children during the Remote Learning week.

The children will access online learning through different platforms, which are age appropriate.

Nursery and Reception: Tapestry (Parents use usual login)

KS1: Seesaw (Login details in Remote Learning pack)

KS2: Microsoft Teams

If you are voluntarily self-isolating, please contact your child's class teacher directly by email who will be able to provide some tasks to complete at home in the interim period.

Tile House Mansion and Akeley Wood House Campuses

Across the Senior School, for the first five days staff will be uploading work via our VLE, Firefly. This is a platform in which all students already have accounts and are used to using. I have asked staff to use a standard proforma whilst setting work, which will detail how you as parents, can support their learning over the coming weeks. These strategies will range from checking their understanding of key terminology to asking them to explain a scientific process using specific phrasing.

We would ask that you get your child into the same routine at home as they are currently in at school. A sensible wake-up time and a full breakfast and then finding a comfortable place to work. We stress the importance of regular breaks and fresh air and with that in mind we have asked the PE staff to set ideas for exercise that can be completed at home.

After the initial five days, staff have been asked to teach lessons remotely via Microsoft Teams. Students and staff will follow their normal school timetable and will be able to speak and/or see staff directly during their allotted lesson time. Staff have been fully trained on this and information regarding how to access the software will be disseminated if we reach the point of school closure.

Although we face challenging times, we are extremely confident that we can still deliver the highest standard of education and staff will be on hand remotely to offer any support and guidance. Please do understand that staff may themselves become ill or be self-isolating but will do their very best to re-direct queries if necessary.

As Heads of School, we can be contacted at any time to answer any questions that you may have. Contact details below.

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