



17th March 2020

Dear parent / carer,

As you will all be aware, the government are now holding a daily press conference to update the country with regards to the measures being taken around Coronavirus. We will update our website on a daily basis, if we feel it has an impact upon Woodham Academy.

Information from yesterday's press conference:

- Students with symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days (cough, difficulty breathing or a fever, a temp of 38 degrees or higher)
- Students living in a household with anyone who has symptoms should self-isolate with all family members for 14 days
- If students display any symptoms during the school day, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to collect them
- Parents will not be penalised for student absence linked to self-isolation as the government has allowed us to use a special 'exceptional circumstances' code
- Students with any underlying health conditions, such as those identified as requiring a flu vaccine will be asked to follow relevant government advice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>
- Over the coming few days, we will assess staffing levels based upon the government guidance to plan in advance any changes to the normal running of the school

This is an unusual time for all of us and many of our students are anxious about what is happening, please keep regularly checking the government guidelines at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A.P. Bell'.

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