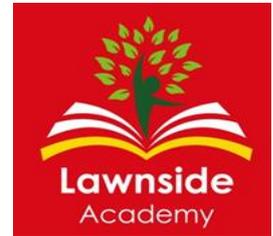


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Dear Parents / Carers,

Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19, specifically:

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

The whole household should be isolated for 14 DAYS.

If a member of the family then becomes unwell on Day 12 they only need to keep isolated for another 7 days and rest of family (with no symptoms can return to school after the 14 days).

The Government are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
 - chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
 - chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - chronic kidney disease
 - chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
 - chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
 - diabetes
 - problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed
 - a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy
 - being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above)
- those who are pregnant

Note: there are some clinical conditions which put people at even higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. If people are in this category, next week the NHS in England will directly contact them with advice the more stringent measures you should take in order to keep yourself and others safe. For now, they should rigorously follow the social distancing advice in full, outlined below.

People falling into this group are those who may be at particular risk due to complex health problems such as:

- People who have received an organ transplant and remain on ongoing immunosuppression medication
- People with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- People with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia who are at any stage of treatment
- People with severe chest conditions such as cystic fibrosis or severe asthma (requiring hospital admissions or courses of steroid tablets)
- People with severe diseases of body systems, such as severe kidney disease (dialysis)

If schools close due to the coronavirus, they will need to provide learning materials that allow pupils to work at home. With this in mind, staff at Lawnside have been considering what this could look like in all year groups; from Early Years to Year 4. Below you will find a list of suggested learning activities:

1. Reading
2. Spelling Shed
3. Bug Club
4. Twinkl is offering every teacher in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. They're also extending this to every parent and carer in our school so your children can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS
5. Purple Mash - Open ended tools, Spelling and Grammar, Maths, Cross Curricular project work 2Dos set by teachers
6. TTRockstars (Year 2 upwards)
7. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> online activities
8. Playing board games
9. Getting outside in the garden
10. Completing planned homework activities
11. Painting / craft activities
12. Writing a diary
13. Cooking / baking activities
14. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> educational activities and games / free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds
15. <https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html> have an Early Years, KS1 and KS2 Activity Book which you can download and print activities for all curriculum areas. PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL STAFF WILL NOT BE PRINTING A PACK OF WORK FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

Finally, we have made the decision, under the circumstances, to cancel our planned Early Year's Mother's Day Assembly and all whole school assemblies until further notice. We will also be having a discussion regarding Year 3's planned trip to Stibbington on Wednesday 1st April.

Thank you for your understanding with this and, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of staff. Please can we request, however, that parents / carers do not come into school for any conversations except through the main school reception entrance.

Yours sincerely and we will continue to keep you updated as any new information arises.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher