

ARE/JWA

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Dear Parent / Carer

CORONAVIRUS

The government has issued updated advice relating to self-isolation.

The latest advice from the DFE is:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members 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. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

In order to support the situation where students are unable to attend school during the outbreak, we will be setting relevant work via 'Show My Homework' (<https://www.showmyhomework.com>) which students and parents have had access to all year. Reminders of login details have been given to all students and parents so please check emails in the first instance should you not have access to your account.

Staff are being encouraged to set work and tasks suitable to support progress at this time. Staff will aim to be available during the normal timetable slots when your child would have had lessons to answer any queries that may arise but if staff are unwell, or they are caring for an unwell family member this may not always be possible. If your child has been set tests to do in exam conditions please try to support this as best as possible. Students may submit work directly via 'Show My Homework', send work via email or send a photograph/image of their work for marking.

Some staff also use Teams to share work with students. Those students will be made aware by the relevant staff.

Clearly the Internet is a great source of additional information for all learners. If you are concerned that your child is not being challenged please look to the list of open and free resources available such as those identified below as well as those staff will direct students to specifically;

- Seneca <https://www.senecalearning.com> for those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content.
- Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org> especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.
- BBC Learning <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/> this site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.
- Futurelearn <https://www.futurelearn.com> free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).
- Openlearn <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/> free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University but everyone can access it. Adult level, but some e.g. nature and environment courses could well be of interest to young people.
- Ted Ed <https://ed.ted.com> all sorts of engaging educational videos
- Mystery Science <https://mysteryscience.com> free science lessons
- Crash Course <https://thecrashcourse.com> You Tube videos on many subjects
- Crest Awards <https://www.crestawards.org> science awards you can complete from home.
- iDEA Awards <https://idea.org.uk> digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.
- British Council <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find> resources for English language learning
- DK Find Out <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmpaxgZbkgudD49l71ep8-sjXmrac> Activities and quizzes

The UTC is remaining open at this time and we will keep you informed of any further changes to procedures as they arise. We regularly update our website, so please use this as a point of reference in the first instance. If you have any concerns all queries please do not hesitate to contact us on admin@utcsheffield.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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