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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As a school we continue to follow the guidance of Public Health England and the Department of Education.

For latest guidance relating to Coronavirus [COVID-19](#)

We are closely monitoring the advice given, as you will know from the press release last night, the current advice is for schools to remain open with appropriate measures in place.

Please can I ask you to read my detailed letter of [Friday 13th March](#). We are now focusing on the core function of the school day only; we have cancelled all trips, visits, fixtures, evening events, lettings and non-essential visits to the school. Can I also ask that any parent who requires to speak with a member of staff does so over the telephone if it is urgent or preferably via email for non-urgent matters and would ask that parents/carers only come into school if it is absolutely essential. Please do consider what is essential, I would not consider a forgotten PE kit essential at this stage, but I would consider it essential if your child had forgotten to bring in their medication.

The government has updated its advice around self-isolation and how long to stay at home if you have symptoms - high temperature and/or new, continuous cough:

Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 7 days.

If you live with other people, they should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.

After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have symptoms can return to their normal routine.

But, if anyone in your home gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start. Even if it means they're at home for longer than 14 days.

Please read the attached self-isolation advice issued by the government.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

In the event of you needing to self-isolate, please can we ask that you alert us as soon as possible.

My priority, therefore, is to ensure the wellbeing of all in our community to enable us to successfully function as a school and continue to deliver an education to our students. Should we find ourselves in the position where we have significant numbers of key staff in self-isolation, then we will consider a range of agreed strategies before closure. These could include a reduced school day and/or year groups being asked to stay at home. We will obviously prioritise the



teaching of our exam groups (Year 11 and Year 13) and there will be full communication with parents.

Given the recent significant change to the self- isolation advice, we are daily assessing the impact on our staff and our ability to safely run the school.

If your child is self-isolating it is important that they maintain their studies. They can access their normal school platforms such as Show My Homework, Doodle, MyMaths, PIXL & Seneca apps from home. Whilst the school is still operational, teachers are focusing on the delivery of the lessons in school and will make available resources for isolating students to access via their google classrooms. It is not feasible at this time to ask teachers to send home individual work programs. The google classroom is an excellent resource and our teachers have built up banks of resources that can be accessed. Please ensure that your child knows how to access their google classrooms using their school Gmail account.

We are currently helping students to establish where to find the work with individual class teachers.

Students: How do I use Google Classroom?

1. **Step one-** Log into your google mail using your school email and password. Your school email will be the year you started plus your initial and surname @rodingvalley.net (example- 19plarkin@rodingvalley.net)

2. **Step two-** Once you have logged in, click on the google apps button and select 'google classroom'



3. **Step three-** You will then see all of the classes you belong to. Click on the class you want to use resources for and take a look at everything that your teacher has posted. You can download items and make comments on them.



The guidance to schools is constantly changing and we will continue to communicate and work with our parents. Please note that we will communicate any update or changes to our operations to you using the usual methods:

- email
- [Website](#)
- Via our [Twitter page](#)

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Jenner
Headteacher

