

## **Windermere School Expectations – Parents**

These 'expectations' are designed to give clear guidance on behaviour that all members of the Windermere School community are expected to observe. They are informed by the latest government guidance and have been updated for March 2021 in line with the legal position we are required to take. They are, as always, subject to further change.

The health and welfare of our community is paramount, and each of us must avoid conduct that may assist with the spread of coronavirus at school. Whilst our first priority is to the health of the whole community, we also wish to keep the school open. If there are cases of Covid in school, we may have to close certain year groups, or in the worst case, close the school to day students for a while, and return to remote teaching. Your support in helping to keep the school open is greatly appreciated.

In order to protect the students, staff and other families, we are obliged to ask you to agree to the terms listed below:

1. Not to bring your child to school if they or any member of your direct household are ill in any way that may relate to Covid19, and in particular if they are showing any of the 3 key symptoms of Covid19, which are:
  - A high temperature – this means the person will feel hot to touch on their chest or back. You do not need to measure your child's temperature.
  - A new, continuous cough – this means someone is coughing a lot for more than an hour, or have had 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
  - A loss or change to a person's sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms, but please remain aware that some people may be asymptomatic, or may have different symptoms such as prolonged headaches.

It is vital that no one comes into school if they have any symptoms or if any member of their household is unwell. The key here is to err on the side of caution; if you have any doubts, please stay away from school. Additional symptoms may present, especially in younger children, so please do check NHS online if your child is unwell in any way.

2. Inform the school nurse by phone or email ([nurse@windermereschool.co.uk](mailto:nurse@windermereschool.co.uk)) if your son or daughter was given medication such as paracetamol or ibuprofen for fever since the previous school day, or over the weekend. Please do not bring your child to school until you have had a response.
3. Let the school know as soon as possible if your family is required to self-isolate. This is so that educational solutions can be put in place for your son or daughter.
4. Keep your children at home if anyone within your direct household develops symptoms of Covid19. Under no circumstances come onto any of the school sites until PCR tests for Covid19 have been completed, and the results return as negative. Should the tests come back as positive, it is important to self-isolate for the length of time advised by the government guidance. This is currently 10 days.
5. Not to come on site other than for the drop off and collection of your children unless otherwise agreed. Parents should not congregate at these times and will not be able to enter buildings without prior arrangement. If on-site, parents must observe social distancing at all times, and wear a mask if coming into a school building.
6. Continue to speak to your children about the importance of frequent hand washing and sanitising so that the messages are consistent both at home and school. Windermere School will be following the

'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes. We will also be reinforcing messages to do with individuals avoiding touching their mouths, noses and eyes with their hands.

7. Follow the staggered routines for arrival or departure. Families with children in more than one year group at either Browhead or Elleray should drop their children off at the earliest of the drop-off times and drop each child at the correct location.
8. Follow the amended uniform guidance. As usual, your child's school clothes should be washed frequently. To assist with this, we amended the uniform expectations in September 2020 and these continue to be in place now. This means that pupils attend school in their school sweatshirt (Elleray) or school fleece (Browhead Years 7-11). We recommend that Years 12-13 should have machine washable suits. On days with PE/Adventure, students should come to school wearing their PE/Adventure kit and bring their uniform with them if they may need to be changed afterwards.
9. Support the school with decisions we have to make concerning which students can socialise and spend time together at Elleray and Browhead.
10. Ensure your son or daughter has all the required stationery and IT items in order to support Windermere School with the new rules about NOT sharing equipment, and reducing the number of items that travel to and from school. To assist with not sharing equipment, each child in Year 3 and above will be asked to bring in their own pencil case (see stationery list, including Art kit as required), and their own laptop/device.
11. Support Windermere with the new rules we have put in place rules on how our students move around school, for example specifying routes to move from one area to another, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, spaced queuing and year group zones. There will also be rules to do with students and staff NOT sharing equipment, such as pens and glue sticks. In order to achieve this, some work will remain electronic even though students are back on site.
12. Follow carefully all government guidance as it relates to social interactions, and avoid activities out of school that may cause additional cross-contamination between year groups, or increase the chance of your child/children contracting Covid19. For example, as guidance is relaxed in March and then April playdates, parties and larger social events should be avoided unless social distancing and year group bubbles can be maintained.
13. Test data – it is vital that when students in Year 7 and above are completing tests at home they have assistance (where required) and that they share the results of these tests (positive/negative or void) with school as well as with the NHS. We ask that parents help with testing where required and also ensure that test result data is shared appropriately.
14. The government guidance also asks parents to limit out-of-school extra-curricular activities for their children as attendance at additional/off-site sessions outside of school will increase contacts between different groups of students. This requirement is likely to be eased by the Summer term.

For any student who is unable to attend school because they are an international boarder who is unable to return, or they are ill with Covid or self-isolating, remote lessons will continue to be provided. We ask for your understanding in so much that the provision of remote education is made considerably more complicated when we are also providing on-site education, but we assure you that we will be working hard to ensure that both are of a high quality. *Please note that the government guidance clearly states that unless a student is on the critically extremely vulnerable list, is ill or self-isolating, or is unable to travel from abroad, that all students are expected to be in school.*

If you have any concerns once term has started, please contact your child's Tutor via their school email. Mrs King, Mrs Vermeulen and Mrs Moses are also available via email or by calling Elleray (015394 43308) or Browhead (015394 46164) between the hours of 8.15 am and 5.30pm.

Please use the following link to sign electronically to say you have read and agree to these expectations.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=W6Gh56Lx\\_km7hI-PJiL29LDDHLGA\\_0xAtymAd6pEfcFUQIRDVDk2OFBJNzRSTkVYRURPQ1oxQlhDTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=W6Gh56Lx_km7hI-PJiL29LDDHLGA_0xAtymAd6pEfcFUQIRDVDk2OFBJNzRSTkVYRURPQ1oxQlhDTy4u)