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## Urgent Derwentwater COVID Safety Measures Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased that school remains open and learning continues. Thank you for following the guidance to keep our school open.

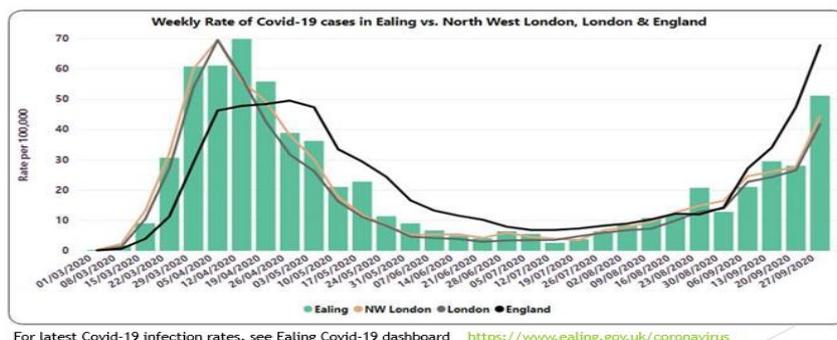
However, now that Ealing cases are increasing (see below) we ask that the school community adhere to the guidance more strictly.

- We have seen many different households physically greeting one another and children from different families and years mixing in large groups. **Please remain socially distant.**
- We have seen some parents walking between the classes and very close to other children at the end of the day so we politely ask that parents **stay behind the yellow line** when collecting children from the playground.
- A gentle reminder to **message school with concerns or questions** rather than speaking at length to the class teacher at the end of the day. We have to protect the teachers from mixing with other adults as much as possible.
- Please **leave the premises straight away** after drop off and pick up.
- Please **wear masks in congested areas.**

We hope you understand that these measures are in place in order to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our school open.

### Graph showing the weekly rise in Covid cases in Ealing

In Ealing, as of 1st October, 32 schools have reported a single confirmed Covid case.



For latest Covid-19 infection rates, see Ealing Covid-19 dashboard <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Changes In School

- Teachers will wear masks in communal spaces with other adults and follow stricter social distancing.
- Teachers may choose to wear masks in the playground at home time.
- School will have higher expectations of children at breaktimes and lunchtimes to avoid physical contact.
- School will have higher expectations in the classroom regarding movement, children touching different spaces and where possible maintaining social distance.

**Our vision is to create a community of successful learners who feel confident, happy and safe and who show respect for themselves, each other and the environment.**

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Currently, teachers are busy planning, teaching and marking for the children at school whilst we remain open. However, we are also planning learning for children at home.

### **Remote Learning and Google Classroom**

- Children who are unwell are not expected to access remote learning. Children who are isolating are to access the remote learning straight away.
- School would like all families to engage with Google Classroom as our remote/home learning platform. It is crucial that, in the event of absence from school, learning continues at home as much as possible so children's progress can be maintained.
- Let school know if you do not have technology or access to wifi. School will provide paper packs.

### **School Offer for Isolated and Group Cases**

- Each half term, 2 weeks of learning will be provided so anyone self-isolating can access the learning at different points in the half term.
- The work has been carefully linked to the learning taking place in school.
- If children need to self isolate for longer within the half term, more work will be provided.
- A general message from the teacher on Google Classroom will be provided along with a daily English, Maths and Topic/Science lesson link from Oak Academy.
- Feedback will be given once a week.
- Children are expected to read daily, complete maths Rockstars and practise spellings.
- It is important to exercise every day as well as focus on well being.

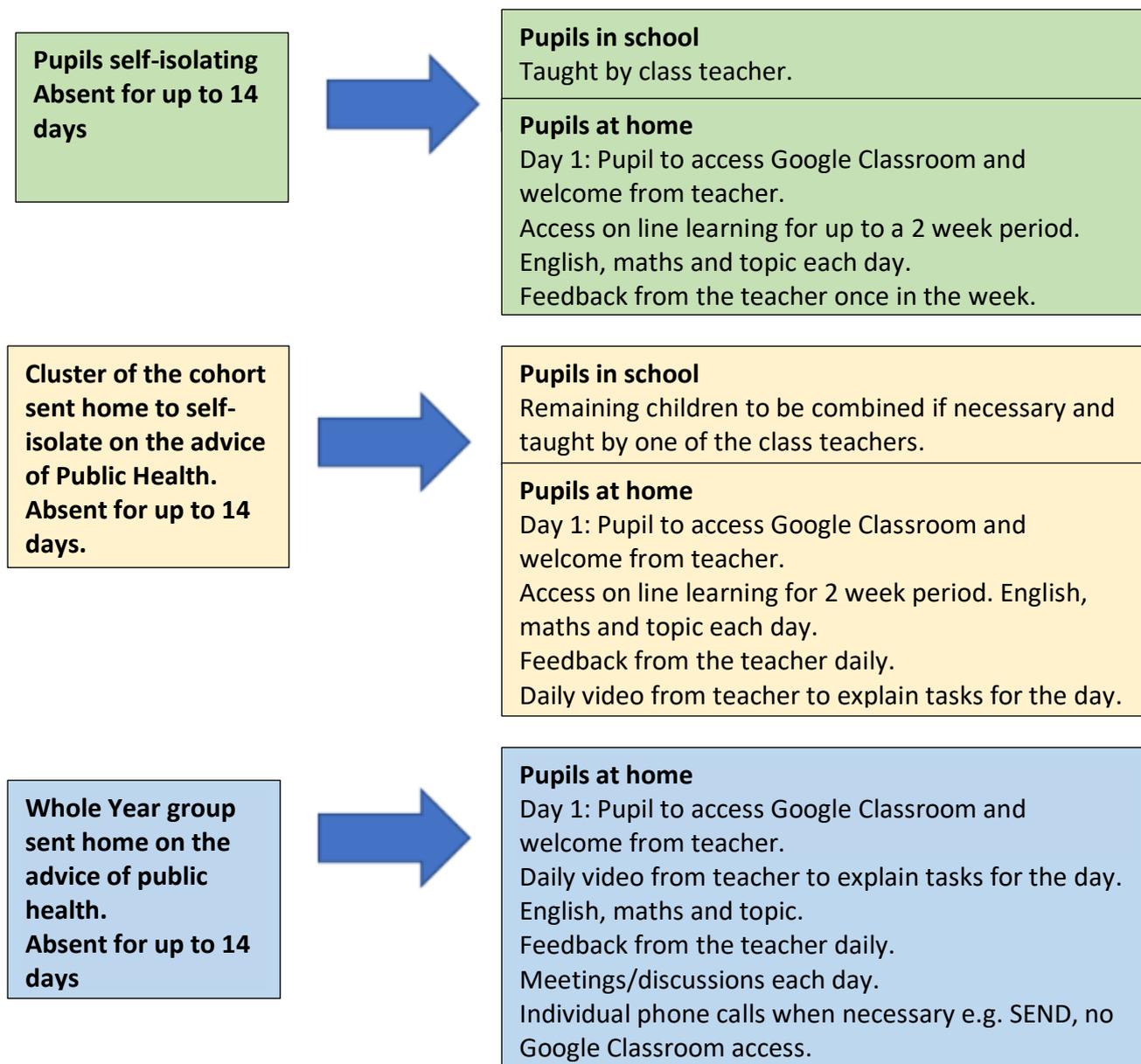
### **School Offer for Whole Class/Year/School Closure**

- The school curriculum will pause and learning will continue through Oak Academy.
- Resources will be immediately available to utilise and share. It means that when school resumes we will continue with the units of work with increased understanding. It could prevent further gaps emerging as some children will not access the remote learning or engage with it because they are unwell.
- The Oak Academy focus will consolidate learning as well as offer new learning.
- Work will be carefully chosen to link to the year group curriculum and it will be relevant for the units covered in order for progression and continuity to be maintained.
- Teachers will upload videos each day. This will allow families sharing devices to access the videos at different times.
- There will be regular feedback on tasks, group meetings and individual calls.
- If a teacher is unwell, the parallel teacher will plan. If both teachers are unwell, assistant heads will support with planning.

We will continue to review our offer to ensure that the standard is high as well as effective and to make sure children and parents are supported and engaged.

## Stages of Home Learning Flowchart:

(Paper packs distributed to families with no Google Classroom access.)



Thank you again for your continued support. Please message school with any questions or suggestions. Feedback is valued and appreciated at our school.

Yours sincerely

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