

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

New guidance was received from the government this afternoon:

New guidance for households with symptoms

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- *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>

Up-to-date local information can be found here: <https://thepenrithhub-cumbria.frogos.net/covid-19>

We understand the difficulties in deciding whether to send your child to school and recommend following the above guidance. **If your child, or a member of your household, is displaying symptoms or feels unwell, they should not be sent to school.** If your child becomes unwell during the course of the school day we will contact you so you can collect and take them home.

Those students who are not in school at the moment can find work on the school website. The UCC home page is intended to provide work for students in the short term. They should log in through RM Unify using their school e-mail address (school user name @ullswatercc.co.uk plus their school password). In the event of school closure we will use Google Classroom to provide online learning.

The school continues to follow government guidance and will remain open for as long as is possible. Whilst some members of staff and students have made the decision to self-isolate, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus at UCC.

Yours faithfully

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