

Wednesday 10th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I can't quite believe I am writing to you in the week leading up to half term. I would like to thank you all for all the support you have given, for those who have been supporting your children at home and those who have supported their children in school. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure we have been able to keep the school open for key worker children whilst providing such a fantastic range of learning opportunities for those children who are working at home. We continue to review and are looking for ways of how we can continue to do the very best for all the children and we are particularly excited with Class Dojo as a new learning platform which we hope will keep us all connected. Let's hope it won't be too long until we can all be back in school together.

As we did at Christmas, we are still expected to follow contact tracing once we finish for half term. Below is an extract from the DfE guidance regarding contact tracing after school ends and a table showing the arrangements for our school:

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test)	Between Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th February	Saturday 13 th February	Sunday 14 ^h February	Monday 15 th February- Monday 22 nd February
Action Required	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days.	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th February. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days.	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 12 th February. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days.	Parents should not inform school unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms and case had occurred in school.
We have set up a designated number for parent/carers to contact in the event of a confirmed case between the close of school on Friday 12th February and Thursday 18th February . The numbers at the end of this letter are to be used exclusively for contact tracing purposes and no other communications.				
Parental Responsibility	Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/			



To ensure these arrangements work effectively and minimise the risk of compromising families' Half term break, please adhere to the following:

- Seek tests via testing centres rather than via postal tests as this can delay confirmation of results. From test centres results are normally forthcoming in 24 hours.
- Notify school if children have symptoms after schools close (using the contact details below).
- when waiting for a test result, remember it is advisable to take necessary steps whilst awaiting confirmation. ensure you continue to adhere to social distancing protocol.

If there is anything you are at all unsure about, please contact the school before the end of this week for clarification.

Contact tracing numbers are as follows:

Saturday 13th -07747 637594

Sunday 14th - 07747 637594

Monday 15th (only if testing delayed following onset of symptoms and case has occurred in school)– 07747 637594

Tuesday 16th (only if testing delayed following onset of symptoms and case has occurred in school)– 07747 637594

Wednesday 17th (only if testing delayed following onset of symptoms and case has occurred in school)– 07747 637594

If your child is coming into school next week please follow the guidance above and use the contact number above.

We hope that everyone has a restful and healthy half term break and we look forward to getting back to learning on Monday 22nd February.

Best wishes




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