

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

### Arrangements over the February half term holiday

As you know, school is closed to all pupils over the half term holiday *and* the first Monday back (22/02/2021), which is a training day for all staff.

With regard to track and trace, the advice remains the same: if your child tests positive over the school holiday, you must inform school. The table below sets out what you should do while school is closed:

What should I do if	Actions for you to take	Actions school will take
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms over the half term holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test as soon as possible</li> <li>Whole household should self-isolate while waiting for test result Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop self-isolating when a negative test result is received</li> </ul> Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete self-isolation as advised if the person tests positive for COVID-19</li> </ul> </li> <li>Inform school about a positive result by emailing <a href="mailto:head@westgateprimary.co.uk">head@westgateprimary.co.uk</a>, including date on which your child's self-isolation period ends.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
My child tests positive for COVID-19, having become symptomatic <b>within 2 days of them last being in school</b>  OR  My child tests positive for COVID-19 <b>within 2 days of them last being in school</b> , and was not symptomatic prior to their test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about results by texting 07891 279271, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>child's name;</li> <li>date they became symptomatic;</li> <li>date of test;</li> <li>date of test result.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 10 days, even if someone else tests negative within the 10 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact all close contacts from their bubble and advise them to self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>Notify the local authority as required</li> <li>Advise you on the date your child can return to school in February</li> </ul>

What should I do if	Actions for you to take	Actions school will take
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19, but their symptoms started <b>over 2 days of them last being in school.</b></p> <p>OR</p> <p>My child tests positive for COVID-19 <b>over 2 days of them last being in school, and was not symptomatic prior to their test</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days</li> <li>Inform school about results by emailing <a href="mailto:head@westgateprimary.co.uk">head@westgateprimary.co.uk</a>, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>child's name;</li> <li>date they became symptomatic;</li> <li>date of test;</li> <li>date of test result.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 10 days even if someone else tests negative within the 10 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise you on the date your child can return to school</li> </ul>

To calculate the period of self-isolation, **count as day 1**

- The first day following the onset of symptoms
- The day after the test was taken if you/ they were not symptomatic first, or
- The day after your last contact if you are a close contact of a positive case.


**Day 11 is then the day that you/ they can resume normal activity/ return to school.**

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19 who was in school up to 2 days before they became symptomatic/ tested positive, we will notify you by text and email so that you know the period of self-isolation for your child.

You have all been fantastic at following the rules about self-isolation when someone in your household becomes symptomatic. These rules still apply. Your vigilance is what is stopping the virus from spreading widely within our school community. Thank you for your actions and support, both throughout this term and through the half term holiday next week. By being careful now, we can hopefully ensure that we are allowed to fully reopen school sooner rather than later

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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