

11th February 2021

Dear parent/carers,

URGENT & IMPORTANT : Reporting positive COVID-19 cases over February half term.

This half term has been a very busy and difficult time for us all - at home and school. All staff in the academy have worked hard to ensure the academy has remained open to enable vulnerable children and the children of key workers to attend on site whilst providing remote education for all others. This has certainly been a challenging period but together we have risen to everything that we have been presented with.

We have been requested by the DfE to continue to track and trace positive case close contacts for 5 days after school closes for the end of half term. This is only for the children who have attended the site during the week commencing 8th February. The last day of term for our academy is **Friday 12 February** which means that until **Wednesday 17 February** academy staff will respond to notifications of positive cases and inform close contacts of the need to isolate.

The process for informing us of a positive result will be as follows:

Once you have your child's confirmed positive result you should contact us **immediately** using the link:

<https://forms.gle/IjKQr5i2RLFRdkGHZ>

You only need to do this if the first symptoms were developed within 48 hours of last being in school. If symptoms developed more than 48 hours from last being in school then you do not need to contact us as there will be no school-based tracing for academy staff to undertake.

Once the form is submitted, you will be contacted by a member of staff in due course who will then undertake contact tracing. If you do not have access to the internet to complete the form, you must ensure that you contact NHS Test and Trace and give them the details of the web link above so that they can contact the school.

Where symptoms developed more than 48 hours after last being in school, you should follow the advice through the contact with the NHS Test and Trace team.

The academy will not monitor the google form responses after **Wednesday 17 February 5pm** although you may continue to advise us of any positive test for our records. If you receive a positive result beyond this date you should contact the local public health office on 01724 298321

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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