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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we head towards the Spring half term holiday, I thought it would be prudent to write to you, to explain a potential scenario that we as a school community may face, given the current situation in relation to Covid 19.

Under current Public Health England guidelines, anyone who has been in close contact with someone displaying Covid 19 symptoms within 48 hours of the onset of these symptoms, is required to self-isolate to prevent potentially spreading the virus.

As a school, this raises the possibility that if a child who was in school on the last day of term, subsequently displays any coronavirus symptoms over the weekend of the 13th and 14th February **and then tests positive for Covid 19**, we, as a school, would have to contact the parents of students who have been in close contact with that student and ask them to self-isolate.

Clearly this is the last thing that anyone in our school community wants, so therefore please take the opportunity to remind your children of the importance of continued hand washing and hygiene measures, to help minimise the risk of this situation happening.

Should your child become symptomatic during the weekend of 13th and 14th February, please follow these steps:

- 1. Telephone the dedicated mobile telephone number 07546 378503 to register the concern.**
- 2. The school will contact all potentially affected parents of students by text and e-mail, to advise them that a student has symptoms and to consider reducing their own child's contact with others, in addition to current Government national lockdown requirements.**
- 3. Once the test result is known, contact school again via the dedicated mobile telephone number. This should be done whether the test result is positive or negative.**
- 4. The school will contact parents of all potentially affected students again with the following instructions:**
 - a. If a positive test result, affected students will be asked to self-isolate for ten days from Friday 12th February.**
 - b. If a negative test result, no further action will be required other than to continue to follow Government national lockdown requirements.**



Please bear in mind that it could be as late as Wednesday 17th February before a test result is known.

I, like you, very much hope this situation does not arise. However, should we have to contact parents to advise them to self-isolate during the half term period, please understand this is our statutory obligation under the current Public Health guidelines and not something we would be doing unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during the current times.

Your faithfully

Sonia Taylor
Headteacher

INSET Day

We have announced in our Parent Bulletin over the past two weeks that **Monday 22 February 2021 is NO longer an INSET day**. Teachers will be online as usual so please ensure that your children are ready to learn by 8:45am.