

Great Barford Church of England Primary Academy

'Growing together through learning, friendship and worship'

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear All,

We have been extremely fortunate this half term not to have had any positive test results for COVID. Many local schools have already had to close bubbles and children have had to isolate away from school. Thank you for all that you have done to support us in this.

Our return to school plan has been successful and progressed well. The new arrangements are now established across the school. Entry and exit to school is also going well too. Thank you.

I would like to take the opportunity as we approach the end of the half term to remind you of what you need to do if your child does have symptoms and also inform you of the plan that is in place in case we have a positive test result within our school community.

If a child has symptoms it is imperative that you inform the school immediately and that they are tested as soon as possible. The child must remain off school until the result has been obtained. If the result is negative they may return to school. **If it is a positive result you must inform the school immediately so we can action our Pandemic protocols.** The whole household then will need to isolate at this point – please see the flow chart on the front page of our website for more information.

As soon as we have been informed of a positive case amongst our children or staff, we will contact Public Health England for advice about exactly who will need to isolate. Once we know this, the parents of the children required to isolate will be contacted via a warning text.

It is important to collect your child immediately after receiving the warning text. If you think you may find this difficult, it would be advisable to begin making arrangements now for an alternative person to collect as speed will be of the essence if this becomes an eventuality.

You may also take siblings home following the warning text too. However, they will need to return to school as normal the following day as they will not be required to isolate. This will give you time to make arrangements for the drop off and pick up times while your other child is isolating as they will need to complete the isolation as per guidance and will not be allowed on site during the isolation period. If children who are not required to isolate are absent from school following this initial day they will automatically receive an unauthorised absence mark in accordance with the DFE guidance.

When collecting your child following the initial warning text you **MUST** wear a face mask. You will be met by a member of staff on the school drive who will direct you to the appropriate point to pick up your child. Please ensure you follow our arrow system at all times.

Following the warning text, you will receive an email detailing the isolation requirements including the return date. Home learning will be set for your child during their isolation period and arrangements are being made for online teaching opportunities. Further information about this will follow after half-term.

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Thank you again for all of your support in protecting our pupils and staff. Don't forget if you have any queries about our COVID procedures please see the school website and also the parent carer and child code of conduct document emailed earlier this term; this is also available on the front page of the website.

Kind regards,



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