



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that this does not happen for any of our families and that everyone remains healthy and safe for the full duration of our Christmas break, however, **please could I request that all families continue to inform us if their child has a positive COVID-19 test result any time between Friday 18th December and Thursday 24th December by emailing Mr Adams at robert.adams@southgosforth.newcastle.sch.uk as a matter of urgency.**

The latest guidance from DfE and Public Health England stipulates that we must inform families of any children who have come in to contact with a positive case in school right up until Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December) as this will mean that their child must self-isolate for a period of 14 days from when they were last in contact with the positive case.

If this was to happen (and I really hope that it doesn't) I would contact all of the affected families via email to let them know, therefore it is imperative that all of our families please check their emails **at least daily** to ensure that no-one misses any important messages. I would also be offering support over the phone to any families who require this.

After Thursday 24th December, I would request that families still inform us of any positive cases of a **child** in their household testing positive using the email address above, so that we are aware of any implications for pupil attendance on our return to school. Please note we only need to be informed of a confirmed positive case for your child and not if anyone else in your household receives a positive test result or develops symptoms.

In addition to this, you may have seen in the media that many schools are choosing to have a Training Day on Friday 18th December. However, we would just like to confirm that we will be open as normal and we would like all pupils who are able to attend school.

Finally, a quick reminder that our new staggered start and collection times which were shared earlier this week will be in place from Monday 4th January.

Keeping all fingers and toes crossed for a safe and happy Christmas break for all of us.

Warmest wishes

Mr Adams and Mrs Burnett

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