16th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Please find below the information for events during the first week of the spring term 2021. Please note that both our **schools will reopen on Tuesday 5th January.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for the support you have given us during what has been a difficult and uncertain term at school. Your understanding and kind words as we have juggled our way through the term have helped us all!

It is also only right that I thank all our staff too, many of whom have stepped in and taken on roles they would not usually do to help support the smooth running of both our schools. Both our schools are lucky to have staff who go the extra 100 miles to ensure we are providing a safe, stimulating education for our children. Thank you

Positive Test Results during the Holiday

I am sure we all have everything crossed that this is something we will not need to think about, in case we do here is a reminder of the information we sent last week as part of the 'Next Week' update and some additional information about when we need informing.

The Government have issued advice on the role of schools over the Christmas holiday. We will continue to complete contact tracing until Thursday 24th December.

Should you receive a positive COVID-19 test result for your child between 18th December and 24th December, please email me on headteacher@marstonmontgomery.derbyshire.sch.uk.

In the email please include the following information, -
- The last day your child was in school;
- The first day they displayed symptoms;
- The date the test was taken;
- The best telephone number to contact you on.

I will check the email address daily in the morning before 12pm

We do not need to be informed of positive test results received after 24th December. If, after 24th December, you receive a positive test result for your child or are contacted by test and trace and asked to isolate please email me on Monday 4th January if it will affect school attendance. I will not be checking my emails after 24th December until 4th January.

This is the extra bit - If a pupil or staff member tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school does not need to be contacted. Parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. This is because individuals are infectious 48 hours prior to developing symptoms.

Positive Test Result Received

In the event that I receive notification of a positive COVID-19 test result for a pupil or staff member that results in members of our community needing to isolate these are the actions I will take, -

- Where we have an email address for families an email, with a letter attached will be sent explaining who needs to self-isolate and the end date of the isolation period.
- Families who do not have access to emails will receive a phone call.
- Any families who receive an email notifying them of the need for their child to self-isolate and would like to discuss any concerns or clarify information please email me to request a phone call.
- I will continue to check my emails daily before 12pm until 24th December and will contact families requiring further clarification at this time.

As we break up for what will be a different Christmas holiday than we would all have anticipated earlier in the year I would like to wish our children, their families, our staff, their families and our governors and their families a Happy (if different) Christmas and a Happy (hopefully different to this one) New Year.

Best wishes to you all

Teresa Bosley

Next Week at MMPS
Monday 4th January
INSET Day – School closed to children

Tuesday 5th January
Mrs Bosley – at MMPS

Wednesday 6h January
Mrs Bosley at LLPS

Thursday 7th January
Mrs Bosley at MMPS

Friday 8th January
Mrs Bosley at LLPS
PM – Garden Class Forest School