



## Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw towards the end of term I would like to this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for your patience and support throughout the last academic year. It has been extremely challenging for all staff, pupils and our wider community to adapt and cope with remote learning as well as the day to day routines and systems we've had to initiate in school, due to Covid-19. Having the children back in school over the last few weeks has been wonderful and given us all real hope and positivity about the rest of this academic year and beyond. The children have had a lot to deal with, but they continue to demonstrate resilience and fortitude as well as displaying great enthusiasm towards their learning and their wider involvement in school life

We really want all of our staff and families to be able to relax and enjoy the Easter holidays. However, the virus takes no rest over the holidays and we do stress the need to adhere to the recent government guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> as well as practicing good hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings in public spaces.

It is really important for you to contact us if the situations outlined below arise over the holiday period.

If during the first six days of holidays (Friday 2nd April to Wednesday 7th April inclusive) anyone in your household or support bubble develops symptoms, it is really important that you all self-isolate and book a test at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>, or by calling 119. If that test returns positive and your son/daughter attended school in the last week of term, 48 hrs prior to the onset of symptoms, it is essential that you contact us so that we can track and trace your son/daughter's movement in school during their infectious period and their possible contacts. We would also need to inform you of the earliest return to school date for your son/daughter.

If this situation arises please contact me on [head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) at any time of day including a contact phone number so I can call you back.

- The individual who tested positive will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the day after the first date of symptoms appearing
- All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' – defined here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

Please note that if we are made aware of a positive case during the first six days of the holidays and the pupil was present during the last week of term whilst they may have been infectious, we would need to contact all of the parents of close contacts to inform them that their son/daughter would need to self-isolate for 10 days after the last point of contact with the infected person. If we do contact you, it is likely to affect the return to school date in April 2021 for your child.

During the last week of the holiday 9th April to 18th April inclusive, it is also important that we are made aware of any student who tests positive, or is having to self-isolate if they have been identified by the Public Health Team as a close contact or has had close contact with someone awaiting a test result, as they will not be able to return to school on Monday 19th April along with the other students. In this instance please email on [head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) We will then contact you on Monday 19th April to discuss the situation and confirm the earliest return to school date for your child.

It is Acorn Education Trust's utmost priority to ensure that all of their schools, which of course includes Dilton Marsh Primary School, are safe environments where students can continue their learning. Together we have implemented a wide range of health and safety precautions.

School will be open at the usual time on Monday 19th April and the same morning procedures we have adopted over the last term, will continue to apply. However, should your son or daughter have any of the following symptoms, please do not send them into school during this first week and please contact us immediately.

- High Temperature
- a new and continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell
- Cold like symptoms
- Headache
- Generally feeling under the weather

Despite all of the challenges this academic year, our children have all been brilliant and have adapted quickly and shown real character in all that they have had to cope with. Thank you for your ongoing support and I really do hope you can have a very happy Easter and that we see some sunshine.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe.

Best Wishes



Jill Hibbs  
Headteacher