



Homefield Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following Government guidance, we would like to update you on the actions needed in relation to keeping our community safe in the run up to and during the Christmas holidays.

Good attendance in school is very important and regular timetable will continue right up until the last day of term, which is Friday 18th December. However, if your child has any symptoms associated with COVID-19 it is essential that they do not attend school and that you make arrangements for them to have a test. If they are well enough, they will be able to work from home whilst they await test results. If a member of your household has a positive test then your child must isolate at home and complete their learning remotely. Please note that if your child is absent due to COVID-related symptoms and are learning remotely this does not count as an unauthorised absence from school. If your child needs any specific help with remote learning do let us know through email to the class teacher on Google Classroom or directly through to their email address.

If your child becomes ill and has a positive test result in the run up to the end of term or in the first days of the Christmas holidays it is essential that you let us know and we will track and trace your child's in-school contacts. Once the holidays begin, you only need to contact us if your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of their last day in school AND they have received a positive test result. For example, if your child became ill on Sunday 20th December you must contact us as soon as you have the test results if they are positive. If your child develops symptoms on Monday 21st December, you do NOT need to contact us.

Please contact school using the office@homefield.norfolk.sch.uk email address. We would strongly advise you to test locally rather than using the postal testing service as you will get the results much more quickly. The school office closes at 10:00am on 24th December, if you need to contact us on that day please do so before 09:00am. If you need to contact us, please ensure you include the following helpful details in your email:

1. Your child's name and year group
2. Yours child's last day of attendance in school
3. The date your child's symptoms started
4. The date of your child's test

If your child has come into contact at school with an individual who has had a positive test we will let you know via text and we will also send you the official Public Health England letter that we are required to send by email. We will work out the date for the end of the isolation based on your child's last contact with the positive individual. We will not notify you if your child has not been in contact so if you do not hear from us this will be a good thing. The last day for in-school track and trace will be the 24th December.



If, unfortunately, your child or members of your household become unwell with COVID-19 during the holiday please contact us in the same way as above although we will not need to track and trace if your child has not been in school, however we do need to keep our records up to date.

Thank you for your support through these challenging times and God-willing we look forward to seeing your child back in school on Monday 4th January 2021.

Yours faithfully

Mr. B. Young
Headteacher

