



Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the half term holiday, we find ourselves facing the potential of a similar scenario as we faced at the end of the autumn term, given the current situation in relation to COVID-19.

Under current Public Health England guidelines, anyone who has been in close contact with someone displaying COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours of the onset of these symptoms, is required to self-isolate to prevent potentially spreading the virus.

This raises the possibility that if a child who was in school or nursery on the last day of term, subsequently displays any coronavirus symptoms over the weekend of the 13th and 14th February and then tests positive for COVID-19, we would have to contact the parents of pupils (and staff) who have been in close contact with that pupil and ask them to self-isolate.

Clearly this is the last thing that anyone in our school community wants but we need to be prepared for this so we can take the necessary steps as quickly as possible. We ask that everyone follow these procedures to enable us to protect the wider population.

Should your child become symptomatic during the weekend of 13th and 14th February please follow these steps:

- 1. Phone the school mobile number 07922 081676**
- 2. The school will contact all potentially affected parents of pupils (and staff), to advise them that a pupil has symptoms and to consider reducing their own child's contact with others.**
- 3. Once the test result is known, the parent must inform school of the result. This should be done whether the test result is positive or negative.**
- 4. The school will contact parents of all potentially affected pupils and staff again with the following instructions:**
 - If a positive test result, affected pupils and staff will be asked to self-isolate for ten days from Friday 12th February.
 - If a negative test result, no further action will be required.

Please bear in mind that it could be as late as Wednesday 17th February before a test result is known.

As we know you will, we very much hope that this situation does not arise. However, if we have to contact parents or staff to advise them to self-isolate during the half term period, please understand that this is our statutory obligation under the current Public Health guidelines and not something we will be doing unless absolutely necessary.

We really couldn't have got through this last half term without your continued support and understanding, and we wish you all a safe and restful half term.

Mrs Johnson and staff x