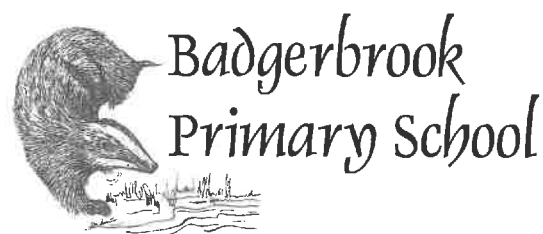


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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know yesterday we were advised of another positive COVID-19 test. Adults and children who were identified as having been in close contact have been advised to self-isolate until 22nd December.

We are very concerned about the effect of having to email more parents next week with a request for a child to self-isolate as this will impact on your plans for Christmas. The usual period of self-isolation is 14 days from having contact with the person who has tested positive. From now on this will almost certainly include the week running up to Christmas, possibly even Christmas itself.

As a school we are expected to continue contact tracing for 6 days after school closes at the end of term. We could be asked to contact you right up to, and including, Christmas Eve.

If any member of your family is asked to self-isolate over the Christmas period they will not be able to be part of any of the extended Christmas bubbles you might have planned.

Please help us by doing everything you can to reduce the risk of a child or adult coming in to school when there is a possibility that they have been in close contact with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for, COVID-19.

Please

- do not send your child into school if you or anyone in your household, childcare bubble or support bubble has symptoms or is waiting for test results, **whatever the reason**
- be extra vigilant in looking out for symptoms if a member of your household is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

We would also like to remind you to:

- wear a face-covering when on the school site unless you have an exemption
- keep your time on the school site and the paths around school to a minimum
- keep **2 metres** away from others as you wait to drop off and pick up your child
- not to congregate at the school gates and the paths near the school to talk to friends and other parents.
- avoid coming to our school office when a phone call or email could be used instead.

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We are doing all we can in school to limit the spread of infection and we always follow the advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

Please continue to let us know if you or someone in your household is waiting for a test result and inform us of the result of the test as soon as possible (**negative as well as positive**) – phone us on 0116 2752353 or email office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk

These are the arrangements for reporting positive cases in the Christmas holidays:

- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil **tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (ie **symptoms starting on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December**) you must inform us - and the school will be asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Please email details of all positive tests to office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk and put **COVID POSITIVE TEST** in the subject line.
- For the first 6 days after the end of term, the Senior Leadership Team will check the office@badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk email address once a day, at midday, for notifications of positive cases. If it is necessary to contact parents and advise close contacts to self-isolate this will be done by text or email through Teachers2Parents.
- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (ie **symptoms starting from Monday 21st December onwards**), you do not need to contact us. In this situation parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- As Badgerbrook's last teaching day is on Friday 18th December the sixth day will be Thursday 24th December. There will be no pupil contact tracing communications from Teachers2 Parents after Thursday 24th December.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



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