

## Badgerbrook Primary School

9 December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

As you will know school leaders have been required to help in the national effort to limit the spread of the virus through contact tracing and this will continue after the school closes for the Christmas holiday. This is to allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases (pupils and/or adults in school) to be identified and confirmed by a test and for us to let parents know if any of the school bubbles is affected.

Although the Department for Education has given us the opportunity to hold an INSET (teacher training) day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will not be doing this at Badgerbrook and the school will remain open to pupils. The guidance has come at such short notice and we know that closing the school a day early would cause child care problems for many of our parents.

Even if we were to hold a teacher training day (INSET) we would have to move one from somewhere else. "In all circumstances, teaching time must be made up at another point in the academic year." At Badgerbrook this would mean the last day of the Summer Term would be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July (not Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July as currently planned) and all children would be required to be in school on that day. We know that many of you will already have plans for holidays at this time.

Please be aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding 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 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December the sixth day will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no pupil contact tracing communications from Teachers2 Parents after Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Where a pupil is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case, after the first 6 days following the end of term, you do not need to inform the school about their absence until the first day of the new term (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021). At that stage we will need to know when the period of isolation will end.

We really hope that we do not need to contact any of you over the school holidays but we will be following government and Public Health England advice at all times.

Yours sincerely



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