

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### **Contact Tracing in Oldham Education Settings – Half Term arrangements**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask that **parents/carers continue to keep school up to date about any children who test positive for Covid-19 during the school holidays** via email at [support@wernethprimary.org.uk](mailto:support@wernethprimary.org.uk)

This is so that Senior Leaders can consult Public Health Oldham to check if any bubble closures are needed. This may sound unusual, but it is so that we can assess whether any children were in contact with the positive person during the 'infectious period' when the child was last in school.

The 'infectious period' is defined as 2 full days before the onset of symptoms (or the date of test if they don't have symptoms) until 10 days after symptoms started (or the date of the test if they do not have symptoms).

**Therefore, a child who shows symptoms on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October and then tests positive for Covid-19 would have been in school within 2 full days before symptoms began and all of the children and staff within their bubble would need to self-isolate during half term and during the first week after the holidays.**

If the positive case has not been in school during the infectious period, we do not need to take any further action and children/staff would not need to self-isolate.

Please do not phone school to pass tell us about a positive case, as this might not be picked up by Senior Leaders.

Mr Bell, Mr Whittaker, Mrs Gregory and Miss Malley will be checking the [support@wernethprimary.org.uk](mailto:support@wernethprimary.org.uk) email address during the holidays and would be grateful if you can include the following information in your email:

- Your child's full name, date of birth and postcode,
- the date that your child first became ill/first showed symptoms,
- the date on which they were tested, and
- a phone number that we can contact you on.

We will then speak to the Oldham Covid Trace team and/or Public Health advisors to agree what actions are needed.

Although we will need to tell other children's parents/carers about any positive cases that affect their child's bubble, please know that **we will not mention any positive child by name and the information that you share will be treated confidentially.**

Could I also remind **all parents/carers to wear a mask as they pick up and drop off our children?** Two of our staff have had to self-isolate this week because a parent/carer who later tested positive for Covid-19 came to pick up their children and was not wearing a mask. Thankfully, our staff and children appear to have been very lucky and not caught Covid-19 from this parent. However, this person could have infected you and your family so **show your support for our front-line staff by wearing a mask at all times on the school premises.**

I hope that all of our children, families and staff enjoy a safe, healthy and happy holiday.  
Thank you for your cooperation on this matter,



Mr Bell  
Principal  
Werneth Primary School