

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 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 we need to inform any children or staff of the need to self-isolate, even after school closes to children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

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 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 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 for a period of 10 days.**

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 will not be picked up by Senior Leaders.

Mr Bell, Mr Whittaker and Mrs Gregory 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:

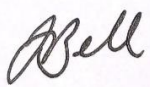
- Your child's full name, date of birth and postcode,
- the date that your child first became ill/first showed symptoms,
- the date on which they were tested, and
- a phone number that we can contact you on.

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.**

You will also receive a letter with advice about the Government changes to the amount of time needed for self-isolation. Please read and keep this useful guide, as it provide vital information about what to do if you, your child and/or a member of your household is affected by Covid. The letter can also be found on our school website at: <https://www.wernethprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Covid-19-Advice-for-Parents-in-English.pdf>

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