

1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this second term in another disrupted year, I'd like to thank you on behalf of all the staff for your cooperation and support in ensuring that Burtonwood CP has reopened as safely as possible once again. It has been lovely to welcome the children back. They have settled quickly into routines but, much like staff, many are now feeling the need for a restful holiday and the chance to spend that quality time with family and friends so much missed during lockdown. We hope you all enjoy some safe opportunities for this in the Spring sunshine.

Although nationally we are cautiously moving towards normality, little has changed in government guidance for schools apart from the end of shielding and the possibility of us being able to consider clubs and trip after 12th April, if national measures allow and we feel it is reasonably safe to do so. Therefore, we plan to continue with all the daily measures you are accustomed to, e.g. staggered start and end times, different entrances etc, into the Summer term. This will be subject to review in response to further guidance received.

COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols during the Easter Holiday

Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community and there remains the possibility that members of our school community will catch COVID-19 or display symptoms of COVID-19 during the holiday. I am writing to explain the procedures we will follow and the protocols we expect you to follow in any such cases.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 after school on Thursday 1st April or on Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd of the Easter Holiday?

As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19 and they are;

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of taste or sense of smell

If your child displays any of these three symptoms on the evening of **Thursday 1st April**, or on **Friday 2nd April** or **Saturday 3rd April**, it is really important that you do the following:

- Keep your child and the rest of the household **at home in self-isolation**
- Book a PCR test **immediately** using this [Online Form](#) or ring **119**. (Please **do not** use a lateral flow test – they are not suitable for symptomatic individuals.)
- Notify school **between 9am and 4pm** using this dedicated email - covid@burtonwoodcp.co.uk

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What happens if my child tests NEGATIVE for COVID-19, having had symptoms on Thursday 1st April, Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April?

As soon as you get a **negative** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school immediately on covid@burtonwoodcp.co.uk . Your child can return after the holidays, if they feel better and any temperature has gone.

What happens if my child tests POSITIVE for COVID-19 having had symptoms on Thursday 1st April, Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April?

As soon as you get a **positive** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school **immediately** on covid@burtonwoodcp.co.uk . Your child will need to isolate for **10 days** after the date their symptoms developed.

When informed of a positive result in this time period, we will relay anonymised information to all families in the child's class. This will state that 'an individual' has tested positive and that the children in the class who are deemed to have been in close contact with them will need to isolate for **10 days** from the last contact. We will contact the Department for Education helpline, and conduct a robust and prompt Risk Assessment with them, with Omega Multi-Academy Trust and, if necessary, Warrington Public Health Team to identify which children in the class bubble are deemed to have been in close contact with the child.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the rest of the Easter Holiday?

If your child displays any of the three symptoms from **Sunday 4th April onwards**, it is still really important that you follow these actions:

- Keep your child and the rest of the household **at home in self-isolation**
- Book a test **immediately** using this [Online Form](#) or ring **119**

You do not need to contact school. We will not need to notify any other parents as it will have been 48 hours since the last close contact in school. You should be advised by Test and Trace with regard to contacts and the required period of self-isolation.

Should the symptoms **start after 8th April**, or a high temperature from an earlier infection is persisting, please contact us on the morning of Monday 19th April to inform us of your child's absence and the reason why. We will then advise you when your child can return to school.

This continues to be an important time in our fight against COVID-19 and your part in keeping everybody safe cannot be underestimated. Working together, we hope to minimise the transmission of this virus and to protect everyone in our school, and the wider community, as much as we can.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Have a very happy Easter break, and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Heather Muttock
Head Teacher

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