



Dear Parents / Carers,

During the Autumn Term school has assumed an important role as part of the contact tracing service in an effort to assist the national effort to limit the spread of the virus which has led to additional workload over weekends and during holidays. Public Health England has now agreed a 6 days window during which, school will remain responsible and contactable for contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. This will mean that I will be on call until 24<sup>th</sup> December and potentially staff and children may be instructed to self-isolate in this period.

**What does this mean for you?** Parents need to contact school directly following a positive test of their child for COVID-19 dated between 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**. We will then follow the current school procedure of gathering background information, risk assessing all potential contacts and advising self-isolation accordingly. If you are in the unfortunate position of receiving a positive result for your child within these dates, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on [Covid19@eastersideacademy.co.uk](mailto:Covid19@eastersideacademy.co.uk) I will be checking this email regularly throughout the day until 24<sup>th</sup> December and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. **This email should only be used for this purpose.**

As always, we try to have the needs of our school community at the very heart of what we do and I would like to thank those who have expressed their gratitude and thanks at this time. Your kind words are really appreciated.

Best Wishes

Mrs D Linacre

### Attendance

Week Beg: 07/12/20 and 14/12/20.

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
1	99.1	97.1
2	93.6	93.3
3	94.0	95.6
4	95.8	93.2
5	92.6	90.0
6	96.3	98.5
7	99.1	98.6
8	94.6	95.3
9	94.5	92.6
10	99.2	96.0
11	98.2	99.0
12	92.3	96.9

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Way below average  
Yellow – Below average  
Green – Average or above

**Please ensure your child comes to school every day unless they are poorly. All the children have lots to catch up on this year due to COVID and we can only do this best when they are in school.**  
**Thank You**



We would like to wish you and your families a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From myself and all the staff at Easterside Academy

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**Congratulations to Ebony C** Aged 6 for winning the **Community Christmas card competition** run by Councillor Craig Wright. Thank you to everyone that entered!

**After School Clubs** – In the new year we hope to begin to provide some after school activities for different class bubbles. Due to the on-going Covid situation all clubs will be in 'class bubbles' and will only run if we have enough 'take-up' within the bubble – Watch this space!

**Thank you** for all the food donations this term as we continue to support families in the community at this difficult time. As a result, we have managed to get many food parcels and Christmas

hampers out this term. This has also been supported by Middlesbrough's 'Cause Hampers'.



Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.