

Church Meadow, Great Gaddesden, Herts. HP1 3BT Friday, 23rd October, 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share COVID 19 reporting arrangements that are in place for half term, (from 24/10/20 to 01/11/20 inclusive).

In the event of a **positive** coronavirus test result, within your household please notify the school as soon as possible. This is to enable us to complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health and notify any other children or staff who have been in close contact and need to self-isolate.

Please inform us by emailing the office on admin@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk . Please do not leave a phone message as this will not be covered during half-term.

If your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, the government requirement is that you must start self-isolating immediately and book a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

• a high temperature

• a new, continuous cough : this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

• a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are unsure whether symptoms suggest that it may be coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, please consult this online NHS symptom checker: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</u>

Please do not send children back to Nursery or School if any of the following apply: -

your child has symptoms of COVID-19

• your child or any members of your household, or any close contacts have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not completed the *full* 14 day isolation period.

Please note: close contacts includes extended family or friends that you have had contact with and bubbles that your child may have been part of during half-term activities, including sports clubs.

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If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with activities such as shopping, getting medication or financial advice, please visit: <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>

I would like to thank you for the incredible support that you have given the school since our return in September. We have been extremely fortunate to have all remained safe and well during the last 7 weeks. Your support in following the new routines within the school has been a major contributing factor to us being able to remain fully open for all children since September. Your understanding and patience has been very much appreciated. I wish you all the very best of health in the week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs S.M.Wickens Headteacher

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