



Westfield Arts College



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Dear Parent and Carers

Information about tracking COVID cases over February half term and testing Secondary pupils

Thank you for your support this term by letting us know when your child has been isolating or has tested positive for Coronavirus. We have only had one case so far this term that has involved closing a class bubble and no one became unwell due to this.

Contact tracing

You will recall that we asked you to contact us over the Christmas break if your child became unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, although fortunately there were no cases. This is called contact tracing. We are doing this again over February half term break next week.

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school (Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th) and then tests positive for COVID-19 during the first week of the half term holiday you must contact us following the instructions below so that we can alert those people who they came into contact with.

If your child develops symptoms more than 48 hours after last being in school and then tests positive, please let us know although it will mean that no one else has to isolate.

As soon as you receive a positive test result you should email us at contacttracing@westfield.dorset.sch.uk. This email address will be checked every day. Please do not use any other school email addresses as there is no guarantee that they will be monitored. The school office is closed during the holidays and so there will be no phone service.

If you need to contact us about a positive test, please give us:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- The date they first showed symptoms
- The date they received a positive test result
- A phone number in case we need to contact you

Testing pupils after the half term break

So far we have tested Secondary pupils twice on their return to school after Christmas. We will test them again twice when they return after the February half term break. If you have already provided consent for your child to be tested you won't need to give this again. If you haven't provided consent but would like your child to be tested the consent form is attached. Please read the information carefully, complete the form and return to the school office.



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There is still no further information from the Government about the testing of Primary aged pupils. Once we hear something we will let you know.

We know that this has continued to be a challenging time for everyone. At the time of writing the planned date for schools to begin to reopen more fully is 8th March. As soon as we know more we will confirm our plans to you. We hope to get all our pupils back to school as soon as possible, but only when it is considered safe.

Sending you our best wishes for a restful half term break.

Yours sincerely

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