



9th December 2020

Important Covid-19 Information Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have seen in the media yesterday the Department for Education's (DfE) announcement that schools are permitted to make Friday 18th December a 'non-teaching' day. I am writing to reassure you that we will not be amending our term dates or our scheduled INSET days at any point during this academic year as we recognise the significant knock on effect this will have on families. This means our last day of term for pupils will remain, Friday 18th December.

This does not in any way compromise our commitment to honour our contact tracing commitments as a school. Below is an extract from the DfE guidance and a summary table the school has devised as to how this specifically relates to our school:

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school, the school should **not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*
- *School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December.*

(Department for Education Guidance, December 2020)

I have written a plan for parents which I hope you will find helpful, which gives you information as to what you would need to do on any specific date if your child received a positive test any time after 18th December until we return to school.

I really hope that I won't be contacting any of you over the first six days – if I do have to, it will be on the advice of PHE and/or the DfE.

As always, thank you for your support during this very unusual period.

Kind regards

N. M. Moore

Headteacher

INFO SHEET FOR FAMILIES:

Q: What do I do if my child/young person becomes symptomatic after the end of term?

A: Please book and conduct a test ASAP as a positive result could have an impact across the whole school community and we would need to alert other staff and families. The shortest possible gap between symptoms beginning and getting a test is essential.

Q: We did the test, the result was negative, what do I need to do next?

Nothing. There is no need to inform us further.

Q: We did the test, the result was positive, what do I need to do next?

Inform us and anyone you have been in close contact with. Please see the table below for more information:

Date when symptoms began:	Immediate Action:	When can they return?
14 th December ¹ – Sunday 20 th December	Email: advice@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk Text :07510 255923 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of child ● date that symptoms began ● date test taken ● date result received ● date child was last in school 	Their 10 days of self-isolation will be finished during the Christmas break. Therefore, they can return on the Tuesday 5 th January 2021 if they have been free of a high temperature for 48 hours.
Monday 21 st – Saturday 26 th December	There is no need to inform us if your child becomes symptomatic and tests positive between these dates.	Their 10 days of self-isolation will be finished during the Christmas break. Therefore, they can return on Tuesday 5 th January 2021 if they have been free of a high temperature for 48 hours.
Sunday 27 th December 2020 – Monday 4 th January	Email: advice@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk Text 07510 255923 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name of child ● date that symptoms began ● date test taken ● date result received 	Their 10 days of self-isolation will NOT be finished during the Christmas break. Therefore, we will get in touch on Monday 4 th January to confirm their return date.

¹ We are aware that 14th – 18th December is term time but wanted to alert you to the importance of keeping us informed during this time as it impacts on what happens after the end of term.