



12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased that we have been able to keep the school open for critical worker and vulnerable children this term and we appreciate your support in keeping Holly Lodge a safe place for our pupils.

Covid Guidance from the DFE

"We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- 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.

As above, the government has announced that schools are required to continue the test and trace process for the during the half-term holiday. **If there were to be a case in school it is important that parents are aware that, during half-term, we may need to inform you that your child has been in close or prolonged contact.**

Should your child receive a positive Covid-19 test result before we return on Monday 22nd February, you must inform the school.

As school will be closed for the half-term break, the telephone lines won't be manned. Therefore **we ask that you contact us by email: info@hollylodge.kite.academy**

Please title your email "**Pupil Covid-19 Test and Trace**"

We ask that you include the following:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- The last date they attended school
- Your contact telephone number

The inbox for this email address will be checked each morning and afternoon between Monday 15th and Friday 19th February. Please note that you may not receive an immediate reply, but we will respond to you as soon as possible. (Email enquiries relating to anything else other than Pupil Covid-19 Test and Trace will be responded to when school reopens on 22nd February)

Of course we hope that there won't be any instances of pupils receiving a positive Covid-19 test, but appreciate your continued support to ensure the safety of pupils, families and staff. We wish you all a very safe and happy half-term break.

Kind regards

Mrs C. Dancer
Academy Head

