



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder that the school will be closed to **all** pupils over the half term break. Monday 15th – Friday 19th February. Monday 22nd February is also pre-arranged non –pupil day. **Remote learning and attendance for vulnerable children/critical key worker children will resume on Tuesday 23rd.**

If you are a critical worker and unable to manage childcare over the half term week due to work commitments, please contact the childcare brokerage service on ey.comms@essex.gov.uk.

Please save any e mails or questions for the teachers until after the half term break. If it is *urgent* please contact me at my headteacher e mail address and I will be happy to help:
headteacher@messingprimaryschool.co.uk

Information for Parents regarding COVID19 Contact Tracing over the half term break

The following information explains the expectations around reporting cases of COVID19 and undertaking contact tracing over the half term break. (This is the same procedure as for the Christmas break)

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms of COVID19 during the half term break **and they have been attending school** in the week before half term.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 within 48 hours of being in school:

You must seek a test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned. **You should let the school know that this has occurred.**

The quickest way to obtain a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.

If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform the school, who will identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this.

If the test result is negative, you should inform the school and you do not need to take any further action.

You should contact the school on

headteacher@messingprimaryschool.co.uk **and** admin@messingprimaryschool.co.uk

You must provide the following:

- Name.
- Date of symptoms starting.

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- A phone number on which you can be contacted

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school:

You must seek a test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned. If the test result is positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

You should contact the school if your child will be absent, in time for the first day back on Tuesday 23rd February.

If your child has no symptoms of COVID19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school:

It is important to follow the guidance around accessing a test only when the individual is showing signs of COVID19. However, if your child is asymptomatic (shows no symptoms) and **returns a positive test result within 48 hours of last being in school, please let the school know straight away.**

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID19, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the day after the person tested positive.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Kindest regards and please take care

Mrs Jackie Halliday

Head teacher