



Friezland Primary School

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COVID 19 Update: Contact Tracing

Dear Families,

Once again, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times. I very much appreciate that if you have had a query or concern regarding the COVID 19 situation, you have come to speak with either myself or a member of the team, rather than rely on speculation.

You will be aware that over October half-term, schools had to have arrangements in place to act as contact tracers for any positive school cases and then act accordingly. The Government have confirmed their expectation for schools during the Christmas break.

They recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the Christmas 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 (for Friezland School this is up to and including Thursday 24th December), 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 pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

As such, Friezland's arrangements will be that up to Thursday 24th December, the school e-mail inbox at info@friezland.oldham.sch.uk will be checked twice daily (AM and PM). It will then be checked after Christmas, prior to the start of the new term, for any information regarding children who can't return on the 4th January due to a positive case / household isolation.

We very much hope that contact tracing from Friezland will not be required over the Christmas break. However, I'm sure you understand that procedures have to be in place, just in case. As originally planned, we will close for Christmas on Friday 18th December. The safety of us all rests as much on what happens outside the school gates as within and we must all continue to work together to ensure we have a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Miss R Swaby (Headteacher).

