



Newsletter - Friday 18th December 2020

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been asked by the County Council to pass on the following information regarding how to contact school should your child have a positive test for Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays:

## **Reporting symptoms after the school closes for Christmas Holidays**

School will close today.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.

If your child develops symptoms up to and including 20<sup>th</sup> December which result in a positive test up to the 24<sup>th</sup> December, you must inform the school using the email address

[aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net](mailto:aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net)

Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

Please include the name of your child, their class and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

## **From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace.

**You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.**

## **Contact tracing during the Christmas break**

Please be aware that the school, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

- Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils. Emails will be checked each day at 9am.
- Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements. This will be done via the text messaging service.

## **Complaints to School**

Over the past week there have been a small number of concerns that parents have had about things that have happened in school.

Can I please thank those parents who have brought their enquiries directly to school. It means that the issues can be looked into straight away and dealt with.

Posts on social media that name the school, staff or children in a defamatory or malicious manner will be asked to be removed.

If this is not done letters will be sent and a referral may be made to the legal team at County Hall.

A copy of the school's complaints procedure is on our website.

## **PE in Year 5**

I would just like to remind parents and carers in Year 5 that PE lessons next term will be taken by Mrs Brown or Miss O'Neil. We will send a text message when the timetable for PE is confirmed to let you know when PE is taking place.

## **Ford Castle Update**

We received notification from the solicitors acting on our behalf. It states:

We have now sent a formal Letter of Claim to Ford Castle regarding the refund that you are seeking. This is a formal letter which provides 21 days to respond, and advises that we have the right to pursue legal action if no adequate response is received.

We will keep you updated about the outcome of this in the New Year.



**Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



## Can my child go to school today?

### Do they have any COVID Symptoms?

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Yes**

They have a COVID symptom

**No**

They do not have a COVID symptom

### Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.\*

\* Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

### Do they have diarrhoea or vomiting?

**No**

They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

**Yes**

They have diarrhoea or vomiting

### Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

**No**

They do not feel unwell

**Yes**

They feel unwell

### Send to School

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

### Keep at Home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.

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Guidance changes regularly, visit [nhs.uk](http://nhs.uk) for the most up-to-date advice.