



18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, thank you to everyone within our school community for all the support we have received this term. I have been overwhelmed by the positivity shown by children, parents, carers, staff and governors in these difficult to manage times. There has certainly been a feeling of TeamWithinfields throughout and for that I am very thankful.

Although we have broken up today, I will be continuing to monitor any cases in the coming week as I need to support the track and trace system should anyone from our school community test positive for Covid-19 in the next 6 days. Please follow the guidelines below for information about whether you should contact us if your child tests positive.

- Where a pupil 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. This means that if your child was in school today and they start with symptoms from Sunday evening onwards, you will not need to let us know unless the self-isolation period continues into the new term when you will need to leave a message on the answer machine as normal to explain their absence.
- 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. This means that if your child starts with symptoms before Sunday evening, and subsequently tests positive for Covid-19, you will need to let us know so that I can contact the children and staff that were in close contact with them and inform them that they will need to start self-isolation. To make contact during the Christmas holidays, please email attendance@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk with the date the symptoms started, the date of the positive test and the name and class of the child. Alternatively, please send a ClassDojo message directly to myself.

I, along with the whole staff team, wish everyone who celebrates Christmas a very merry one and we wish all our families a healthy, happy and successful new year.

We look forward to welcoming all children back into school on Tuesday, 5th January.

Take care and keep smiling!

H R York
Headteacher