

# WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Westbury-on-Severn  
CE Primary School**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard the suggestion that the Government have given permission for schools to close on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December so that Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December can be an INSET day for staff. I can inform you that **we will not be taking this action**. As a result, we will continue to be open until 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Furthermore, I need to inform you of additional guidance from the Government regarding procedures for informing us if your **child** tests positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas break. Please read this carefully.

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, (from 3pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December onwards) 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 tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, (from 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December to 3pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December) the school has been 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. For the first 6 days after the end of term (from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December) Mr Crunkhurn will be checking the school email inbox between 10am and 11am daily, to respond only to any emails that are alerting him to a child testing positive for COVID-19. After 11am on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 you do not need to inform the school until after 7am on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 when we return to school, as emails will not be responded to during this time.

We all hope and pray that there will be no cases in our school community over the Christmas holiday and wish you all the most wonderful and healthy time with family and loved ones.

With warmest wishes,

David Crunkhurn  
Headteacher

