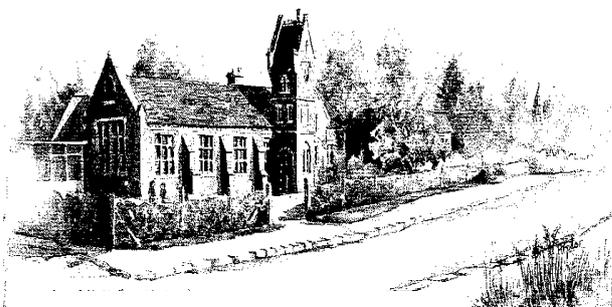


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Tuesday 30th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you

As we near the end of this second term of a very disrupted year, I'd like to thank you for all your vital support in helping to ensure that Burghfield St Mary's has reopened to all safely. Your co-operation at the start and end of the school day has been greatly appreciated and we are delighted at how well the children have settled into new routines. It has been lovely to have them back and the staff and I wish them a very restful and safe Easter break.

COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols during the Easter Holiday

Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community and there remains the possibility that members of our school community will catch COVID-19 or display symptoms of COVID-19 during the holiday. I am writing to explain the procedures we will follow and the protocols we expect you to follow in any such cases.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 after school on Wednesday or on the first Thursday or Friday of the Easter Holiday?

As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19 and they are;

- A high temperature*
- A new and persistent cough*
- A loss of taste or sense of smell*

If your child displays any of these three symptoms on the evening of **Wednesday 31st March, Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April** it is really important that you;

- Keep your child and **any** siblings at home
- Book a test **immediately** using this [Online Form](#) or ring **119**
- Notify school **immediately** using this dedicated e-mail headteacher@burghfield.w-berks.sch.uk

Within this short timeframe, as soon as we are informed about any child with symptoms who is waiting to be tested, we will send a SchoolComms message to all families in that child's class. This will explain that 'a child' has symptoms and that we are awaiting the results of a test. It will explain that if the test is **positive** the class bubble will need to isolate for **10 days** from the last contact. This will apply to all children in the class bubble even though it is the Easter holidays.

What happens if my child tests negative for COVID-19 having had symptoms on Wednesday 31st March, Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April?

As soon as you get a **negative** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school immediately. Your child can return after the holidays, if they feel better and any temperature has

gone.

As soon as we are informed of a negative result, we will inform all families in your child's class that '*the child*' who was awaiting a test result has tested negative and that their own children **will not** be required to isolate over the Easter holiday.

What happens if my child tests positive for COVID-19 having had symptoms on Wednesday 31st March, Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April?

As soon as you get a **positive** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school immediately. Your child will need to isolate for **10 days** from the date their symptoms developed.

As soon as we are informed of a positive result in this time period, we will inform all families in your child's class that '*the child*' who was awaiting a test result has tested positive and that the children in the class who are deemed to have been in close contact with the child will need to isolate for **10 days** from the last contact. We will have conducted a robust and prompt Risk Assessment with West Berkshire Council's Public Health Team to identify which children in the class bubble are deemed to have been in close contact with the child.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the rest of the Easter Holiday?

If your child displays any of the three symptoms from **Saturday 3rd April** it is still really important that you;

- Keep your child and **any** siblings at home
- Book a test **immediately** using this [Online Form](#) or ring **119**
- Notify school **immediately** using this dedicated e-mail headteacher@burghfield.w-berks.sch.uk

We will not need to notify any other parents as it will have been 48 hours (2 days) since the last close contact. We ask that you notify us and we will contact you on Sunday 18th April to advise you when your child can return to school.

I know this is a lot of information so have attached a flow chart to clarify the key points. We do know these are anxious times for families and we have asked a lot of you. You have responded brilliantly thus far, and we really appreciate your understanding and cooperation; thank you. This continues to be an important time in our combined fight against COVID-19 and your part in keeping everybody safe cannot be underestimated. Working together, we hope to minimise the transmission of this virus and protect everyone in our school, and the wider community, as much as we can.

Thank you in advance and enjoy the Easter break.
Stay Safe.

Many thanks

Antony Gallagher
Head Teacher