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1st February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

February half-term

Under government guidance, all schools will close as usual over February half-term and will not remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

The government will not be providing lunch parcels or supermarket vouchers during the February half-term. There is wider government support in place to support families and children outside of term-time through the Covid Winter Grant Scheme. This allows local authorities to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals over the winter period, making them best placed to identify and help those children and families most in need. **If you feel that you need support during the half term, this does not have to include only children eligible for free school meals please email the school at adminoffice@haselworth.hants.sch.uk before Tuesday 9th February**

Covid-19 Track and Tracing over the February half-term

We continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who continue to attend their school. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays.

Where a pupil or staff member develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) on Friday 12th February or over the weekend (13th and 14th February), please can you inform the school on adminoffice@haselworth.hants.sch.uk and take your child for a test. The email address will be checked at 11am each day until Friday 19th February 2021.

If your child tests positive please contact the school on the same email address.

If your child has been in school and in contact with other children in the bubble/their class 48 hours before they developed symptoms when they will have been infectious, we will notify all the other parents in their bubble and they will be advised to self-isolate their children.

If your child develops symptoms on or after the 15th February you do not need to notify the school but should notify the NHS Track and Trace service.

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

As numbers of Covid-19 continue to rise, the staff at school will be undertaking optional Covid-19 Lateral Flow Testing twice a week. This will allow us to continue in our drive to ensure that the risk of this virus is minimised by regular testing of our staff.

I would kindly remind all parents/carers that Gosport is still in National Lockdown and to help protect the school community, I would ask that you all adhere to the social distancing rules, along with ensuring that your families do not mix with anyone from another household that is not a support bubble. We, as a school, are doing all we can to protect, not only our pupils, but our staff members too who also have families, some with vulnerable adults and children. We recognise the impact that following the rules is having on us all but we must stay safe to protect each other

Best wishes

N Jones

Mrs N. Jones

