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Newsletter - Friday 12th February 2021

COVID Notifications over the February Half Term Holiday

It is vital that ALL parents/carers and staff follow this guidance.

As we head towards this week's half term holiday, schools are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. Therefore; positive cases of COVID during the 1 week February half term holiday **MUST** be reported to school so we can continue to support the Track and Trace system as directed by the Government.

If your child or a member of staff receives a positive COVID test you must email admin@whinfield.net or message us using the School Gateway App.

Please ensure you state the name, class, date that symptoms started and the date of the positive test result. **Please DO NOT RING the school office as the building will be closed so telephone messages will not be received.**

In the event school receives notification of a positive test we will contact all close contacts to self-isolate in line with Government guidance. Please make sure you check your emails, School gateway, Facebook page, website etc. regularly for updates over the holiday period.

Please check your emails to read the full letter.

February half term:

School closes for February half term today for both in school and Remote Learning. School re-opens on Monday 22nd February for the children of Key Workers only and Remote Learning for pupils who are at home.

A huge thank you to Mr. Wray:

Today is the last day at Whinfield for our Buildings Maintenance Supervisor - Mr. Wray. He has been an integral part of our school community for 18 years and knows the school buildings and all of its complications extremely well. He has always given his support and time to everyone, both staff and children. He is moving onto a new post after the February half term. We will all miss him and all of our good wishes go with him.

Full School re-opening:

As soon as we receive direction from the Government with a confirmed date for full school re-opening, we will communicate our plans.

COVID reminder:

Please can we remind you that if an adult or other member of the household is going for a COVID test you must not send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.



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Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630.

Mental Health Activities:

We have all worked so hard this term and all of us need to make sure we get chance to rest and recharge over half term. It may be a good time to think about our mental health and make sure we are doing our best to care for ourselves, both our bodies and minds. On Showbie there will be two very simple activities that help support your mental health. You could do these as a family! If you try a mindfulness walk please make sure to follow the guidelines for social distancing and keep yourself safe. Also, there is an easy diary that you could use as a discussion point. Write or draw on it if you wish. We would love to hear about the things that have made you smile over half term. You can also view the activities on our school website. <https://whinfield.net/remote-learning/>

Showbie/Remote Learning:

Please find below the Showbie 'live' timetable for w/c 22nd February.

| Day | 9-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 | 1:00-1:30 | 1:30-2:00 | 2:00-2:30 | 2.30-3pm |
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| Monday 22 nd February | | | 6W | 6C | 2A | 5B | 5R | 5L | 4S |
| Tuesday 23 rd February | 4D | RL | RN | RR | 2G | 6AB | | | 4ND |
| Wednesday 24 th February | | 5B | 5R | 5L | Nurture Room | 4D&4ND | 4S | 1D and 1M/1G | |
| Thursday 25 th February | | RR | 1M/1G and 1D | | 2HP | 30 | 3WH | 3V | RL |
| Friday 26 th February | 6AB | 30/3WH/3V class code D9BYR | RN | 6C | 6W | | | | |

