



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are coming to the end of the Autumn Term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents and staff for all of their hard work and support during this term. We have managed to keep school open throughout this time as a result of the dedication and support of the whole school community.

As you may be aware, the government has placed a duty on schools to assist the Track and Trace programme for COVID-19 over the Christmas break. As such I wanted to write to you to let you know about our arrangements and procedures.

School will close for pupils on Friday 18th December. As announced by the DfE last week schools, together with Public Health England, are required to be responsible for Track and Trace for any pupil who tests positive for Covid-19 in the six days after the end of term. For Bearwood Primary and Nursery school this means that we will be required to identify close contacts of any pupil who tests positive up to and including Wednesday 23rd December. If your child receives a positive test at any point between the end of term and the 23rd December then please send an email to the following contacttracing@bearwood.poole.sch.uk as soon as you receive the test result to allow us to act accordingly and advise close contacts to isolate if necessary. Please state the following:

Child's full name, class and date of positive test as well as any other key details.

This email contact will be manned over the course of the holiday for information about **the positive test for COVID-19 for any of our pupils only.**

Outside of this period, please ensure that you continue to advise us of any positive cases via the main school email account (school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk) so that we are aware of who will be self-isolating upon our return to school.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes

Laura Bennett
Head Teacher