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10th February 2021,

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 half term holiday. As such I wanted to write to you to let you know what our arrangements and procedures will be.

As you know, if someone tests positive for COVID-19 then their immediate contacts are assessed to see whether they need to isolate for 10 days to halt the spread of the virus any further. In school this can mean that a whole class or whole year group may be instructed to isolate. During term time, the system is that once the school is informed by a parent about a case within the school, we are able to immediately contact Track and Trace and then inform parents of the children in the affected bubble accordingly. However this is more problematic during the school holidays and so we are ensuring that we have clear procedures in place.

From the onset of the half term if anyone needs to inform us of a positive test for COVID-19 of any of the children in the school then they can do so by contacting the following email address.

contacttracing@bearwood.poole.sch.uk

Stating the 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.**

Upon receiving details of a positive test we will then be able to give contact details to the correct authorities so that they are able to inform the families of the children who need to self-isolate. Following advice the school will also inform the parents of any bubble or group about the situation if they are directly affected.

At school we are following all of the guidance very carefully and risk-assessing all of our activities all of the time. As such please can you ensure that you are following our protocols fully as we approach the holidays so that hopefully everyone can have the break that they deserve.

Best Wishes

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