



Dear families,

14/12/2020

As we approach the end of a challenging term I want to thank you all for your support in following the arrangements we have been obliged to put in place to mitigate the risks of Covid. We were pleased that in November the Health and Safety Executive approved of the protocols we have in place. Class staff have been impressed with how well the children have adapted to the new routines to support their wellbeing.

You will be aware that the number of Covid positive cases remains high across Bexley, I therefore ask that you may remain vigilant in following the national guidance, in protecting yourself and others. If any member of your household displays Covid-19 symptoms, all members must isolate and the symptomatic individual must have a Covid-19 test. If we continue to follow these guidelines, I hope and pray that members of our school community can enjoy the holiday period without the need to isolate

Last week, schools across England were asked by the Government to continue to assist with the track and trace organisations for 6 days after the final day of school. Therefore, if your child should test positive for Covid-19 after Friday 18th December:

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, please do not contact the school. You must follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school, please notify the school via a new email address:

attendance@hopecommunityschool.org

This will be monitored at 9.30am and 2.30pm every day from Saturday 19th to Thursday 24th December 2020.

Please do not phone the school or leave a message on the enquiries email account as neither of these will be monitored during the holiday break.

Please note that our usual absence notification procedures apply up to and including Friday 18th December.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Wood'.

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