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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Weekly Update

Today marks the final day of this half term. Thank you for all of your efforts over the last six weeks supporting our pupils. All of the children, including the children that have been in school and those at home, have done absolutely brilliantly and they should be proud of the effort they have put in and their learning achievements during this unusual and difficult time. I would also like to thank all of the staff in school for their tireless commitment, dedication and hard work during this lockdown period.

The following is a brief update on a few areas:

Remote Learning

We will continue with Remote Learning tasks in the week beginning 22nd February. Staff will be uploading learning tasks to Class Dojo and Microsoft Teams in due course and live Teams sessions will be scheduled for the week beginning 22nd February as well. If you require any learning tasks or resources printing off, please contact your class teacher on Dojo and we will make arrangements for collection on Monday 22nd February.

Pupils of Critical Workers

From the week beginning 22nd February we will continue to offer provision at school for children with parents or carers that are critical workers. If you are a critical worker and you feel you will need provision for your child or children at school in the weeks after half term, please email me directly at headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk. We will assume that the pupils that have been attending school during this half term will continue to attend after half term unless we hear otherwise.

Wider Opening of Schools

There has still been no further information released about the possible wider opening of schools. As things stand, the earliest possible date for schools in England to open to further pupils is still 8th March. This has not been confirmed and we await more information from the Department for Education in the week beginning 22nd February. We will update you when we know more information.

Actions to take in the event of a Covid-19 Positive Case during the half term break (this only applies to pupils with critical worker parents and carers that attended school in the week beginning 8th February)

Following on from recent information received from the DfE, the following information outlines the actions that you need to take if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the half term break period. **This only applies to the children that attended Egginton Primary School in the week beginning 8th February.**

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the first 5 days of the half term break (up to and including 17th February) please can you email me directly at headteacher@egginton.derbyshire.sch.uk and put in the subject line of the email 'Positive Covid-19 Case for (*Your Child's name*)'. In the email please give further details about the date and time that your child first started displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and any other information you have received from the NHS. It is essential that you do this as soon as you receive the positive test result.

The exact time that the Covid symptoms first developed is particularly important if they first started showing within 48 hours of your child last being in school as this will have an impact on which pupils and staff will be required to self-isolate (for example, if they first developed a high temperature at 8am on Saturday 13th February and they were in school on Thursday 11th February). I will be checking my emails on a daily basis during the first five days and will get back to you as soon as I can to confirm I have received your message.

Once notified of a positive case, I will contact the Public Health England team and follow the advice given to me. I will work with them to identify which pupils and staff have been in contact with the positive case during school hours and therefore will need to self-isolate in line with the current NHS guidelines.

If your child is identified as a contact that needs to self-isolate you will be informed in the first instance by text message and further information may follow on Parentmail or separately from NHS Test and Trace depending on the advice given by Public Health England.

If your child that attends school tests positive after the first five days of the half term break, then you are not required to notify me straight away due to the length of time that will have passed since the child was in school. In this scenario you will need to follow the current NHS guidance that applies to the wider public. Current links for further information are below:

[Symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-symptoms/)

[How long to self-isolate - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-self-isolation/)

However, if your child due to attend, but is going to be absent from school at the start of the next half term due to testing positive, self-isolating or for any other illness or unforeseen circumstance, please notify the school office as normal.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is on Tuesday, 16th February. We look forward to seeing the children's pancake photos in their Class Dojo portfolios. This could be them preparing pancakes, making pancakes or eating pancakes!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very restful half term break. I think it is really important that the pupils, parents and carers and staff take some time off from academic work over the next nine days, have a rest and ‘recharge their batteries’ in preparation for the next half term. We do not expect any work to be uploaded to Dojo during the half term break although it will be nice to see any photos of local walks, exercise or home recreation activities to discuss in class briefings on Microsoft Teams after half term.

Hopefully, I will be able to provide you with some positive news about a wider opening of school in the week beginning 22nd February.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching

Headteacher

