



Birches First School

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1st April 2021

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of a most unusual Spring Term, I would like to start again by thanking you for working with us, both during the home learning/school closure and more recently the past four weeks since we returned. We are very optimistic that the Summer Term will build upon the stability of the last four weeks and we can make the most of the Summer Term with the children!

As per the last two holidays, I do have to communicate the measures we have to take should any of our children test positive for Covid-19.

From Friday 2nd April to Sunday 4th April

In essence, the actions you need to take as a parent during the above dates should your child test positive, are very straightforward. Please contact me directly via email headteacher@birches.staffs.sch.uk and include a mobile contact number. You do not need to contact any other member of staff.

I will then communicate directly with you and ensure the school takes the appropriate action.

From Monday 5th April to Sunday 18th April

Of course, we still need to know of positive cases after 4th April. However, for cases that occur between 5th April and 18th April, please simply notify the office, office@birches.staffs.sch.uk, informing us of the date of the test and the return date of your child. No other member of staff needs to be contacted. We will respond once we re-open on the 19th April.

Obviously, should your child need to isolate we need to be made aware and support you with appropriate schoolwork from the start of the new term.

Additionally, during the Easter holidays we are having some extensive work carried out on our car park. The car park will be re organised and a new pedestrian walkway will be created along with new entry and exit gates. I will communicate with you as soon as I possibly can regarding any changes to drop off and collection procedures – the site will look very different I am sure!

Finally, I hope that you enjoy some family time and manage to catch up with friends and family as we are able to do more. I look forward to hearing from the children when we return about some of the activities that they may have re-engaged and participated in...I know I have a very excited little boy who cannot wait to start football again on Sunday with his friends!

Take care, remain safe and vigilant; I hope to see many of you on Saturday for the Easter Egg Hunt!

Happy Easter, enjoy the break!

Best wishes

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Headteacher