

# Rowlands Gill Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

## Thank You

As we end this most different of half terms, I'd like to thank you for all your vital support in helping to ensure that we could open safely. Your co-operation at the start and end of the school day has been greatly appreciated and we are delighted at how well the children have settled into new routines. It has been lovely to have them back and the staff and I wish them a very restful and safe half term.

## COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols during the Half Term Holidays

Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community and there remains the possibility that members of our school community will catch COVID-19 or display symptoms of COVID-19 during half term. I am writing to explain the procedures we will follow and the protocols we expect you to follow in any such cases.

### ***What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 after school on Friday, or on the first Saturday or Sunday during half term?***

As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19 and they are;

- *A high temperature*
- *A new and persistent cough*
- *A loss of taste or sense of smell*

If your child displays any of these three symptoms on the evening of **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October or Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October** it is really important that you;

- ☒ Keep your child and **any** siblings at home and isolate your household
- ☒ Book a test
- ☒ Notify school **immediately** using this dedicated email address which I will check every day in the holidays (including the weekends)

[covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk)

### ***What happens if my child tests negative for COVID-19 having had symptoms on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October or Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October?***

As soon as you get a **negative** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school immediately using the [covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk) email address. Your child can then return after half term as normal, if they feel well enough.

***What happens if my child tests positive for COVID-19 having had symptoms on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October or Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October?***

As soon as you get a **positive** test result for your child, we ask that you contact school immediately using the designated email address [covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid@rowlandsgillprimary.org.uk) Your child will need to stay off for a further **10 days** from the result of the test. They can then return when they are better, and any temperature has gone.

As soon as we are informed of a positive result, we will inform all families in your child's class that 'a child' has tested positive and that the children in the class who are deemed to have been in close contact with the child will need to isolate for **14 days** from the last contact. We will have conducted a robust and prompt Risk Assessment with Gateshead Council's Public Health Team to identify which children in the class bubble are deemed to have been in close contact with the child. (Please note this would not apply to Early Years as they have not been in school since 15<sup>th</sup> October so have had no close contact with their peers).

*This means that in this case, the class would not be able to return to school until Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November and will receive Home Learning for the week beginning Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.*

***What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the rest of half term?***

If your child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms from **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October** it is really important that you;

- ☒ Keep your child and **any** siblings at home and isolate your household
- ☒ Book a test
- ☒ Notify school **immediately** using this dedicated e-mail

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We will not need to notify any other parents as it will have been 48 hours since the last close contact. We ask that you notify us as soon you get a test result so we can confirm when your child can return to school.

I know this is a lot of information so if in doubt, please email and ask. We do know these are anxious times for families and we have asked a lot of you. You have responded brilliantly thus far, and we really appreciate your understanding and cooperation; thank you. This feels like a key moment in our combined fight against COVID-19 and your part in keeping everybody safe cannot be underestimated. Working together, we hope to minimise the transmission of this virus and protect everyone in our school, and the wider community, as much as we can. Thank you in advance and enjoy the half term holiday.

Stay Safe.



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Headteacher