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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, next week is half term and school is closed to all pupils, including those pupils who have been able to access on site provision during this period of lockdown. However, the school does remain on call for contact tracing purposes.

Please follow the guidance below if your child begins to show symptoms of COVID19 during the half term break.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 within 48 hours of being in school (up to and including Sunday 14th February)

You must seek a test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned.

You should let us know that this has occurred. The quickest way to obtain a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> . Please do not use postal tests unless absolutely necessary as these take longer.

If the test result is positive for COVID19, you must inform us, and we will identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this.

If the test result is negative, you should inform the school and you do not need to take any further action.

You should contact the school via email to covidcontact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk at any time. You must provide the following: name and date of symptoms starting.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID19 more than 48 hours after their last day in school (from Monday 15th February onwards) you must seek a test for your child and the household must isolate at home until the test result is returned.

If the test result is positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, (from Monday 15th February) you must contact NHS Test and Trace and follow the advice given by them: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/

You should contact the school if your child will be absent, in time for the first day of the new term and they were due to access on site provision (23rd February).

If your child has no symptoms of COVID19 but tests positive within 48 hours of being in school (up to and including Sunday 14th February)



It is important to follow the guidance around accessing a test only when the individual is showing signs of COVID19. However, if your child is asymptomatic and returns a positive test result within 48 hours of last being in school, please let the school know straight away.

You should contact the school via email covidcontact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk .

You must provide the following: name and date of symptoms starting.

If you are contacted by the school because your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID19, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

I would encourage you to adhere to social distancing and all COVID19 social mixing guidance for the remainder of term to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus as the last thing we want is anyone being unwell or required to self-isolate over the half term period.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr McTaggart

Headteacher

