

VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this very busy and challenging term draws to a close, I would like to write to you to say how proud I am of all our amazing children at Vernon. They have settled well back into school life following the lockdown period and have continued to embrace the changes with positivity and resilience.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline the procedures to follow in the event of a positive Covid-19 case over the Easter holidays.

Covid-19 Cases over the Easter holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), <u>having developed symptoms</u> <u>more than 48 hours since being in school</u>, the school should <u>not</u> be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, <u>if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus</u>
 (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to
 assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been
 infectious whilst in school.

Therefore, if your child tests positive within the first 6 days following Friday AND developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please notify us using our Covid email account: covid@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk. This account will be monitored for the first 6 days only. The Government have stated that school staff are not to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. This is to ensure that school staff have a break over the Easter period.

I continue to be so incredibly grateful to the whole Vernon team who have gone above and beyond again this term, consistently showing hard work, resilience, flexibility and creativity during this time.

Once again, your support as Parents and Carers has been invaluable; thank you for all the positive comments and feedback throughout what has been a difficult time. Your support and kindness to the whole team is much appreciated.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to seeing the children back for the Summer term.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell Headteacher











