



8th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

**COVID-19 Reporting – Christmas and New Year Holiday 2020
Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools**

We have recently received advice from Public Health England about the steps that are required in case any of our pupils become ill with COVID-19 over the forthcoming holiday.

- **Parents of pupils who are symptomatic on 19 & 20th** should arrange for immediate testing here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>

- **Pupils who have COVID-19 symptoms starting on 19th or 20th December** will need to inform school immediately if they have a subsequent positive test date up to and including 25th December 2020. You can do this either by emailing lmccuone@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk (please expect a phone call back) or by completing the online notification here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eAM1yH4tXE-51eekec82MW-6XAwrAZFBjbHvTXMordxUNIUYTOY0UkVFR0daSjJFOTY5UzE5TkpFNS4u>

- **Pupils who develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive on or after 00.01hrs on Mon 21st December** will not need to inform school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

- **Pupils who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term** should inform school of their absence in the usual way.

Please can we remind you that under no circumstances should any pupil return to school in January if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. They should arrange for a test and inform school.

Kind regards

Linda McQuone

