

Dear Parents and Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

First of all, I do hope that this communication finds you and your family in good health and positive spirits as all of us continue to deal with the challenges presented to us by the pandemic. Secondly, I wanted to personally thank you for the ongoing support and co-operation you have all shown our schools through the autumn term. The children have adapted extremely well to the new arrangements and are to be congratulated on their successful return to school.

As we approach the half term break, I wanted to update you on our arrangements for managing COVID-19 during the holiday period. As you are aware, if a positive case is confirmed in one of our schools we are required to identify close contacts and advise of the need to self-isolate.

The identification of close contacts includes those people who have been in close proximity over a number of days before symptoms appear or a positive test result is received. It is therefore extremely important that we are notified immediately should your child develop symptoms or receive a positive test result over the half term holiday. This will allow us to work with the DfE and Public Health England to assess whether any fellow pupils or staff members are required to self-isolate. Moreover, your timely communication will afford us enough time to be able to communicate to those affected any actions that must be taken.

Our Trust offices will remain open during half term. Any positive COVID-19 test results must be reported using the contact details below:

Email info@watertonacademytrust.org

Tel: 01924 240767

Please provide the following information:

- Your name
- Child's name
- School
- Year Group / Class
- Contact telephone number
- Date symptoms started
- Date of test
- Date of positive test result

If you have recently changed your contact details, please notify the school office to ensure we are able to contact you over the holiday period.

Thank you for your continued understanding and please stay safe.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Mr D Dickinson OBE

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