

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School



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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID and Contact Tracing over half term

Headteachers across the country have received a request from The Department for Education to remain contactable at the beginning of half term, essentially on call, to support the Track and Trace process. As leaders of schools we are prepared to assist our communities throughout this time and will continue to be contactable for the purpose of supporting our pupils and their families.

The half term presents us with the difficulty of potentially having to contact our families up to 3 days after our last day (12 February). If a member of our school community develops symptoms on the 13 or 14 February and then+ tests positive, we will aim to get in touch with the close contacts from school and instruct a 10 day isolation period.

If your child develops symptoms after the 15 February, please book a test as soon as possible and then if a positive COVID 19 result is received, please contact us at the earliest possible opportunity through the dedicated email address:

trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk

This email address will be monitored daily during the initial 3 day period of the school holiday, allowing us to keep each other informed and notify all other contacts if they have been in close proximity to anyone who may have tested positive.

There will be an automatic reply to the email which will provide further information regarding next steps.

Should you need to contact the trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk email address, please take the time to read and respond to the request within the reply, as necessary.

In the event of a positive case being reported from a member of our immediate school community, notification will be sent to all families via SchoolComms. This message will instruct close contacts to isolate immediately as well as the date on which your isolation can end. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone.



Date	Action
Between Monday 8 — Friday 12 February	Contact Edward Peake using the usual methods: Email: info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk Tel: 01767314562
Saturday 13 February	Email: trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk
Sunday 14 February	Email: trackandtrace@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk
Monday 15 February or after	No contact tracing required - the positive case has not been in school for over 48 hours

Advice for parents can be found: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

We thank you for your ongoing support at this time and wish you all a very safe and peaceful half term break.

Yours sincerely



Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher