



BAYSIDE
ACADEMY

2nd November 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

I really hope that you had a restful and relaxing half term break. Ahead of the new half term, I'd like to confirm some arrangements with you and also communicate a contingency plan that will need to be put in place should our current circumstances change at Bayside.

Individual Isolation

Your child will need to self-isolate for up to 14 days if:

- They or a member of their household is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 (new, persistent cough, high temperature and / or loss of sense of smell) and have not been tested.
- If they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.
- If advised by NHS Track and Trace.

Please communicate to us promptly using phone or email should your child need to isolate as this can impact on other children.

In these cases, learning tasks will be provided to pupils through Purple Mash. This learning will be set by the child's class teacher who will also respond to the work completed. **We are able to loan technology to support with this learning if you are unable to access it.**

Group Isolation

Should there be a confirmed case within the school, your child's class / year group may be asked to self-isolate in line with advice from our Local Health Protection Team. In this event, the details will be communicated to you via email and remote learning will be provided in the same manner as during the lockdown period, by the class teacher where possible.

Keeping the school open

We are dedicated to maintaining education for our community in an increasingly challenging and uncertain environment. We must prioritise keeping our school open for all pupils and safeguard this provision, avoiding closure to groups of pupils where possible. Therefore, should staff absence increase significantly, we will need to reduce our week to 4 and a half days in order to keep all year groups open, with pupils leaving from 13:00-13:15 on Friday. We will, of course, let you know **should** this need to happen.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon
Principal

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