



Covid Cases during the holiday

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Covid Cases during the holiday

As we approach the end of term, it has been fantastic to welcome students back into school. As always we will be sending out a few mailings to celebrate another successful term. Please look out for our Blog and the 'Bob' newsletter.

The newly updated government guidelines with 'the rule of six' marks the start of our country's slow recovery from COVID-19, providing a much-needed chance to meet and reconnect with friends, family, and loved ones outside, following our time apart.

Before we send students off into the Easter break, I wanted to address the steps we ask you to take should your child become ill and test positive for COVID 19 over the holidays.

COVID SELF-TESTING:

This week your child would have received additional COVID-19 Self Testing kits to take home over the Easter break. The guidance states that all staff and pupils who are able to should conduct twice-weekly rapid result tests at home each week. It is therefore important to continue to test every Sunday and every Wednesday throughout the Easter holidays. You should report the results from their lateral flow device (LFD) test online and report any positive cases by following the table below.

We have been fortunate so far to have only a small number of cases and have been able as a community to take appropriate steps to protect each other when this has occurred. Despite not being in school it is important we continue these measures in the holidays:

HOW AND WHEN TO CONTACT:

Up to and including Wednesday 7 April we will be monitoring a dedicated email address covid.positive@bohuntworthing.com which you should use to notify us of a positive test **based on the table below**. We would need to then look at any days in school during the 48hrs preceding the onset of symptoms. We will use information from the unwell student and their teachers to identify who would be considered close contacts.

As previously we will send out an email to all families informing them we have had a confirmed case and the year group it is in. Importantly whilst previously we have managed to phone all close contacts we will not be able to do this so anybody who needs to self-isolate will receive a second email with the current guidance and useful helpline numbers.

You only need to contact us if your child has a confirmed positive PCR result or has developed symptoms between the end of term, Thursday 1 April, up until the evening of Saturday 3 April.

Date my child developed symptoms	Should I alert Bohunt School Worthing?	Information to include in your email
Thursday 1 April Friday 2 April Saturday 3 April	Yes, because two days before symptoms started was in term time. Please email covid.positive@bohuntworthing.com	• The last day your child was in school. • Date symptoms started. • Date of Covid test (PCR) • Date you received Covid test result
Sunday 4 April and later	No, because two days before symptoms developed was not in term time	None

START OF TERM:

Our first day back is Monday 19 April. Again, if over the holiday circumstances develop which means your child will not be returning for the first day please email covid.positive@bohuntworthing.com in the lead up to the start of term stating your child's name, tutor group, the reason for absence, and any COVID related test or isolation dates.

Thank you for all your support over the last term and I hope you have a restful, safe, and relaxing Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

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