

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of what has been a very busy term and unusual in so many ways. We have navigated through remote teaching when the term started in January. We have carried out hundreds of lateral flow tests in order for students to return to face to face teaching. We then have been working extremely hard to settle back into our new normal with many COVID safe procedures in place.

It has been an extremely challenging term for so many different reasons. I wish you all a restful Easter break.

I just wanted to remind you of the procedures in terms of reporting positive COVID-19 cases and the continuation of self-testing at home over the Easter period.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19 please follow the guidance on the attached document that sets out everything you need to know.

Students should continue to complete lateral flow tests at home twice a week throughout the Easter holiday. Please continue to upload the results to the NHS Track & Trace system and inform us of the result by completing the Google forms for each year groups, the links to which are here:-

[Year 7](#)
[Year 8](#)
[Year 9](#)
[Year 10](#)
[Year 11](#)

If for any reason you cannot access the Google form (although this is the preferred method) please email the results to parents@holbrookacademy.org

When we return after the Easter break, please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. Uniform expectations were emailed out earlier in the week and can be found on the website. If for any reason you are unable to ensure your child can be in full school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Pastoral team in the first instance, via the main office.

Thank you for all your support over the last term, we really do appreciate what a difficult time this has been for everyone trying to navigate our way through this global pandemic.

Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing students return on Monday 12th April (Week 1B).

Yours sincerely

Miss V Mahoney
Assistant Headteacher



Holbrook Academy - Information for Parents and Carers March 2021

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep Holbrook Academy students, staff and families safe.

Please find below some information on keeping safe during the holidays:-

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

Throughout the Easter holiday, students should:-

- test twice a week at home (Sunday and Wednesday),
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void,
- report their results to the school, using the Google form link sent previously. If unable to access the form, please email the result to parents@holbrookacademy.org
- complete a test on Sunday 11th April before returning to school for the summer term.

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#).

If my child develops symptoms over the Easter break, do we need to let the school know?

If your child develops symptoms in the 48 hours after being in school – including transport home where students are mixing - you **must** let the school know.

This is because for the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by [NHS Test and Trace](#).

What if my child tests positive after six days?

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

If our family has to self isolate before the return to school, when should we contact you?

Please ensure the office is advised by Monday 12th April using the following email:-

parents@holbrookacademy.org

What if my child is unwell before returning to school?

The symptoms of COVID-19 in adults and children are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours).
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Anyone with symptoms should **self-isolate** and then book a test by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or calling 119.

If your child is unwell for any reason, please advise the school on 01473 328317.

My child receives support from the Academy's pastoral team. Will they still be able to access this support over the break?

Whilst the school is closed, students will not be able to contact the pastoral team or key workers in the usual way, however, other agencies remain open to offer support and guidance. A reminder of the support available can be found here:-

www.4yp.org.uk

www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.kooth.com

www.outreachyouth.org.uk

www.headstogether.org.uk

How can I keep my child safe online?

- Be aware of what your child is doing online.
- Visit [CEOP](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) and talk to your child about how to raise concerns.

If you need to report a concern about a child or young person at risk of harm, abuse or neglect.

If it's an emergency, you can call:

- Customer First on 0808 800 4005 if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect
- the Police on 999

What if I'm struggling to cope myself?

With so many challenges for families at present, it's understandable that adults too might need further support. If you're worried about you or another adult, please visit The Samaritans who have lots of information, support and guidance – www.samaritans.org or call 116 123